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Propane problems continue

By ALISON ALOISIO
Bethel firefighters last week spent their second Friday night fighting a fire caused by leaking propane.

Like the March 7 fire at Eden Ridge condominiums, outdoor gas lines at the Robert T. Folsom Co. Inc. garage in Albany were broken by heavy snow and ice coming off the roof, according to Fire Chief Mike Jodrey.

And Saturday morning, just as the weary firefighters were getting done mopping up after the Albany fire, another call came in.

This time it was from a propane leak at the Carriage House Condominiums in Bethel. Heavy snow and ice were the culprits again.

This time, fortunately, there was no fire.

Gas lines, pipes, regulators, meters, heating vents and ducts all should be checked, says Bethel Fire Chief Mike Jodrey.

Advice for homeowners

After three such incidents in nine days, Jodrey is urging homeowners to check their outside heating lines and look for snow and ice on the roof or other nearby locations from which the snow could potentially move against the lines.

Gas lines, pipes, regulators, meters, heating vents and ducts, Jodrey said, should all be examined.

"Anything that can be struck or buried by snow," Jodrey said.

Incidents involving broken gas lines have occurred over the past two weeks, because with the variable temperatures of late winter, snow and ice are melting, refreezing and shifting position.

Folsom fire

Friday night's fire took place on Route 5 in Albany, just south of Songo Pond, at an apartment/garage complex.

The apartment tenant had smelled an odor during the afternoon, Jodrey said, and called Folsom.

Folsom checked the building, but found nothing amiss, Jodrey said.

The tenant went out for a time in the evening. At about 10:15 p.m., a passerby reported the fire in the metal-sided building.

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Woodstock/Greenwood

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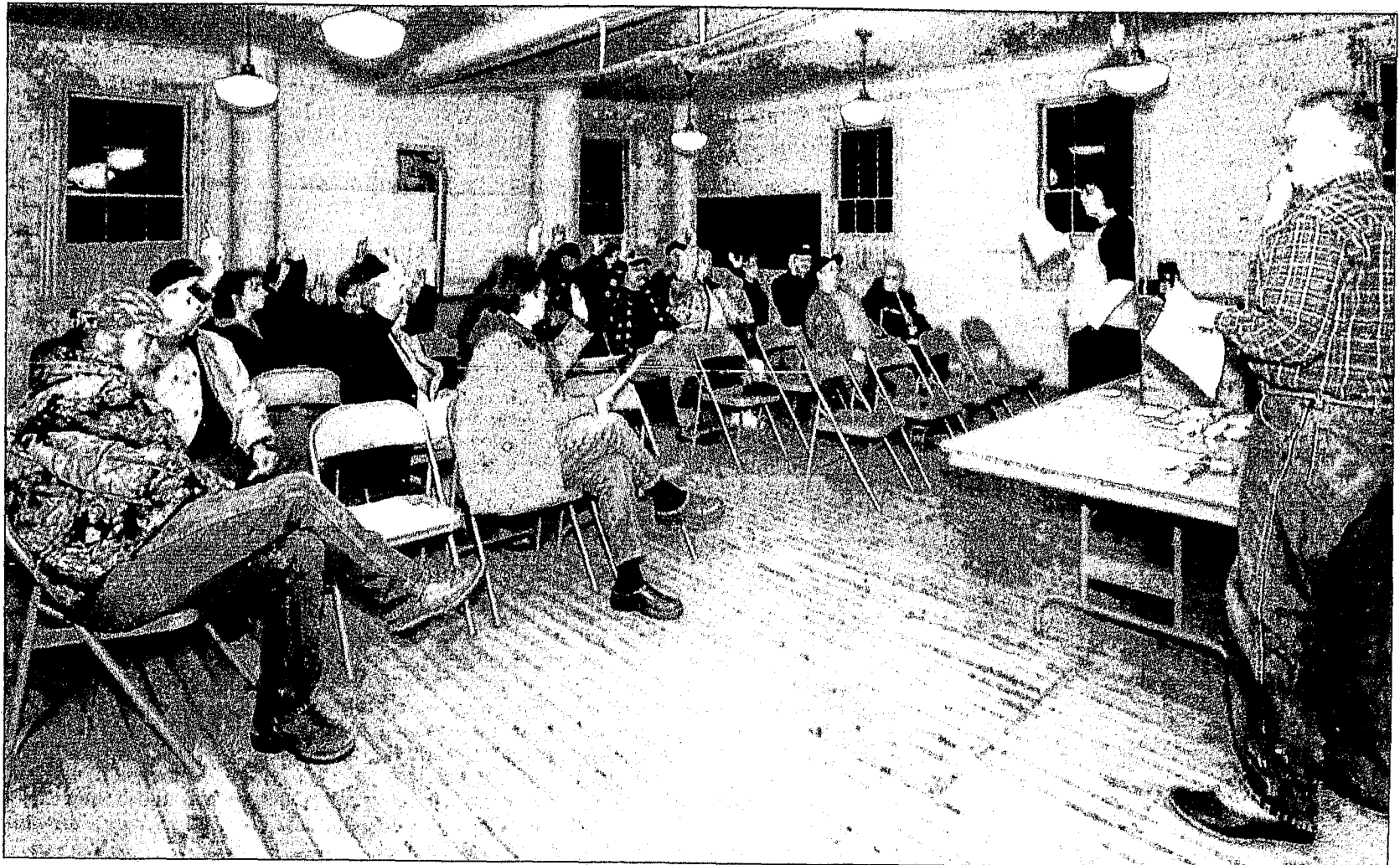
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Mike Lewitt (left, in camo) looks on as his fellow Upton voters overwhelmingly approve spending \$25,000 to replace the town's 25-year-old backhoe/loader. Lewitt's vote on the article was the only negative vote cast at Upton's annual Town Meeting last Thursday evening (the couple in the second row to the right did not vote). Voters also agreed to spend \$24,000 for a new roof and other repairs to the century-old schoolhouse in which their meetings are held. Newry Selectman Wendy Hanscom moderated the meeting.
(Photo: M. Daniels)

Town Meetings

Upton voters agree about nearly everything

By MICHAEL DANIELS

A close vote in electing a new selectman was the only real contest at Upton's annual Town Meeting last Thursday evening.

It took the 22 voters who turned out (of 77 registered in Upton) just over an hour to approve all 23 of the articles on this year's warrant.

Incumbent selectman Paul Casey's three-year term was up, but he was not seeking re-

election, and Bob Brown and Norman Mercier were nominated to fill the seat.

The first ballot ended in a 11-11 tie, and a re-vote was called, prior to which the two candidates were asked to state why they were running.

"I live in Upton, have for about 20 years," said Mercier, "and just had an inside prompt to get involved."

Brown said he had served as a selectman for a year 15 years

ago, before leaving town.

"I moved back into town and thought I'd get involved in politics again," he said.

"Brave man," commented a resident.

At that point voter Mike Lewitt had heard enough.

"I'm not going to vote this time, so I know there won't be a tie again," Lewitt said.

He didn't, and Mercier was elected 11-10.

In voting for other town of-

fices incumbent SAD44 Director Jennifer Casey and Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector Jim Rector were reelected without opposition.

When the voting moved on to budget items, the evening saw only a single hand, on a single occasion, raised in opposition.

That vote came from Lewitt, who opposed spending \$25,000 for a used backhoe/loader to

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Andover OKs fire truck, cuts other AFD items

By ALISON ALOISIO

Andover voters Saturday narrowly allocated \$112,500 toward the purchase of a new fire truck.

But the rest of the department's budget items took significant hits, as town officials and voters questioned Fire Chief Ken Dixon's spending habits.

The funds approved for the fire truck will supplement a \$237,000 FEMA grant recently awarded for the purchase.

The breakdown of the local funding includes \$35,000 from an existing fire truck account, approximately \$20,000 from the sale of two old trucks that the new one will replace, and approximately \$45,000 to be raised over three years.

Another \$12,500 will serve as the town's match toward the grant.

Many voters favored forming a committee to oversee the truck's specifications and purchase, but Fire Chief Ken Dixon said the contract for the vehicle would have to be signed in April.

He also said the grant requires narrow criteria for the vehicle's specifications.

The vote was 49-46 in favor

of the truck purchase, in the only secret ballot of the day.

Spending challenged
Voters defeated or trimmed back several other AFD budget requests.

Dixon requested a \$38,000 appropriation for general protection services.

Budget Committee member Dick Merrill proposed an amendment to hold the budget to the 2007 amount of \$30,000.

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**THE DIRECTOR
BLOCKS OUT
HER SCENE**
SnowWoman engineer Jim Sysko, right, directs Sen. Olympia Snowe on how to pose relative to her namesake to create the photo illusion of proping her up. For the result, see Page 8.
(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Included in that figure was \$140,000 of the \$150,000 the selectmen recommended they put aside for capital expenses.

That left \$10,000, but even that money could not be spent without specific voter approval. (Voters have the say not only on putting money into the account, but also in a subsequent vote on spending any money from the account.)

Then last week the selectmen found themselves faced

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Letters

PROFESSIONAL, KIND, HELPFUL

To the Editor:

We would like to publicly thank Chief Jodrey and every Bethel firefighter who helped save our Eden Ridge townhouse last Friday night — as well as the neighboring departments, especially Greenwood firefighters, unidentifiable in the dark, who went out of their way to help us in the beginning — you know who you are. The men were universally professional, kind and helpful — many who were on duty when we left at 11:30 p.m. were still there at 7 the next morning when we returned.

Also our thanks to Sherry Thurston Andrews and her family who gave us much-needed warm shelter by candlelight — as well as Avery Angevine who lent us his truck when woken up at midnight.

Bethel has had a very special place in our hearts for almost 20 years — now we know why!

Ellen and Steve Little
Dover, Mass.

WHERE DO REAL PEOPLE FIT IN?

To the Editor:

It amazes me that some of the residents of the town of Bethel have so much disposable income that they can spend thousands of dollars on a giant eyesore of a snowwoman. Yes, this monstrosity did bring tourists and their money to the area to increase the income of the local businesses and establishments.

Where does everyone else fit in? Instead of improving on the financial gain of the middle and upper class citizens of this town, the thousands of dollars that were wasted could have been better spent. There are senior citizens and low-income families that cannot afford to pay for heat or bills. My family is one of those below-the-poverty-line families who are drowning in this recession — that's right, a recession; unless you have been living under a rock, or are a Republican, you realize the state of affairs this country is in.

I am a single parent, a disabled veteran who does not receive any pecuniary contributions from the state of Maine. I do not receive any form of child support, and due to the extent of my disability I am not able to work. With this extremely limited income, I have managed to raise my child on my own, all the while shaking my head at these ignorant people who live to make their own wallets fatter.

I asked a few residents of their opinion of the snowwoman. One of them asked me: Well, what do you do for this community? I shop at the local "IGA" when I could just as easily drive to Wal-Mart and shop there. I rent my movies from Viewers Choice Video when I could rent from Netflix for less and I also shop frequently at other stores here in town. I register my car in Bethel, and the excise tax from that registration also goes to this town. So, yes, I do something for this community and its residents. I know that there are quite a few disgusted people in this area that actually care about this community as a whole.

I suggest those people look around themselves and find ways in which they can genuinely help their less fortunate neighbors.

Candi Smith
Bethel

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION DEADLINE

To the Editor:

Once again, this letter is written to remind new homeowners in Bethel that Monday, March 31 at 5 p.m. is the deadline to file a one-time application with the town office for a Homestead Exemption, in order to be considered for a reduction in taxable value in the coming tax year. New homeowners are particularly encouraged to file an application as soon as possible.

Maine law provides for a Homestead Exemption, whereby a property's assessed value for tax purpose can be reduced by \$13,000 if it is owner-occupied and serves as the owner's primary residence. This exemption is not related to the owner's income. In Bethel, the exemption will likely reduce this fall's property tax bill \$120 to \$130.

Those homeowners who have filed at the town office within the past year but did not initially qualify for an exemption due to the minimum 12-month residency requirement do not need to file new applications. However, these individuals are welcome and encouraged to confirm their application's standing with the town office.

To qualify for this exemption, a homeowner must certify that a property is indeed his/her primary residence. The Board of Assessors serves as the approval authority for these applications. If you have any questions whatsoever, please contact the town office at 824-2669 or info@bethelmaine.org.

On a related note, property owners who seek first-time exemption from taxation of their properties on the basis of educational, charitable, or religious purpose must file a written declaration of same not later than March 31. The Board of Assessors also reviews these declarations and makes final determination as to eligibility.

In all cases, failure to file requisite paperwork prior to April 1, 2008 prohibits consideration for exemption eligibility in the coming tax year (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009).

Scott G. Cole
Town Manager

THANKS FOR HELPING THE IRAQI KIDS

To the Editor:

This is a letter to everyone that generously donated toys, soccer balls and other items to me for the children of Iraq. I would like to start by saying that, although it was a great feeling to be helping the people of Iraq during my past seven-month deployment, it feels pretty good to be back in the states enjoying the safety and the freedom that the many men and women of the United States military fight for now, and in past times.

I have many people to thank for all the donations to my quest of helping the Iraq children find joy in their lives. I wish that I could sit down with each one of you and thank you personally while I show you some pictures of the children that you helped from August of '07 to February of '08. For now, the best I can do is write this thank you letter and submit it to the newspaper with hope that you will all see it.

During these past few weeks there has been some actions reported in the news that may have tarnished the name of the Marines, the name that I am so proud to wear. A few bad apples made a decision to perform a hateful act towards an innocent creature and video tape it without thinking about the consequences of their actions. Within days, a public judgment may have been passed on all Marines as some people questioned what these young men were really doing overseas. If only the news could concentrate on what good work the majority of Marines are doing in Iraq and not just the guys that used bad judgment. The men and women that are going out of their way to help the people of the country should be the ones all over the news, not these guys. It is my hope that the media will spend more time focusing on the great things happening in Iraq, things that are being initiated by the military with the support of people like you right here in the states. Because of all the help coming from you all, there has been great improvement in Iraq. Children are going to school again, and more people can feel safe as they walk down the streets to go to the market. The little gestures are what made the difference in Iraq, like handing out toys and being friends to the Iraq people.

So thank you to all of you that helped in every which way that you could. Just because I'm no longer there doesn't mean that you can't keep providing support. There are plenty of projects there that you can donate to, to help the people of Iraq. Keep it up and maybe we can bring our men and women of the United States military home for good.

Cpl. Brian Zinchuk, USMC

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HIM

To the Editor:

We wanted to follow up Brian's letter to all of you with a special thanks from us and the rest of our family for the generosity extended to Brian during his deployment in Iraq. We are also so very grateful for all the prayers for his safety from so many of our friends and acquaintances here.

We do want to offer a special personal thanks to our extended family of the West Parish Congregational Church for keeping a candle burning for Brian during his two deployments. We believe that the intense prayers provided Brian a shield of safety. Additionally, many thanks to Kathy Thrall, a Bethel Rotarian, for getting the effort started to collect soccer balls, toys and other items to send to Brian for distribution. We do not have a complete list of all the donors of these items, but can acknowledge the Woodstock School soccer program for raising funds to purchase soccer balls and to Crescent Park School for doing a stuffed animal drive. Thank you to all who donated items.

Mailing the hundreds of balls and many boxes of toys proved to be a very expensive venture. The Bethel Rotary Club is still accepting monetary donations to offset the nearly \$1,000 cost of shipping these items. The club has kept a record of postage/shipping donations and thanks are extended to the following individuals: Ellie Andrews, Norm Clanton, Bob Currier, Michelle Conroy, Jeri Greenwell, Walter Hatch, Harry Kuzyk, Merrill Hill LLC, Emma Pitts, Charlie Reiss, The Wreckless Fund, Wild River Realty and Gary and Jeannine Wing.

Brian is now home safely at his base in Hawaii. He will be home in Maine for most of the month of May doing recruiter's assistance in South Portland and may have a chance to visit us here in Bethel. He hopes to complete his commitment to the Marines in December of 2008 and then he plans to return to college to get his business degree. He would be happy to hear from any of you via e-mail. His address is brian_zinchuk@yahoo.com.

Again, our sincerest thanks for your support, prayers and love. It is great to be a part of such a close-knit community.

Robin and Doug Zinchuk
Albany

REMEMBERING FLORENCE B. HASTINGS

To the Editor:

With the passing of Florence B. Hastings, another memorable personality from my childhood has departed East Bethel, but will be recalled for years to come. Living diagonally across from Florence on what is now called Intervale Road was an adventure for me since I was often visiting the Hastings family. Her youngest daughter, Ann, was frequently at our house as well. In fact, one of my first memories is of Ann, arriving at our house to tell us that her mother was age 43 that day, which must have been 26 August 1947. I was four and my birthday was always after that noted as the day before Florence's.

Florence often provided entertainment for me and my siblings as well as other neighborhood children. One of the most dramatic examples was the time her husband Bob shot a bear up in back of the farm. She had him bring it in and set it up at the kitchen table as if it was eating a meal. One can only imagine how our eyes widened when we saw that bear in her kitchen. Another early memory was the time she had a family staying with her from the Panama Canal Zone. The children were often at our house, and we soon discovered how much fun it would be dress up in what would be called "vintage clothing" today and put on pageants and plays. I was probably around 10 or so at the time and thought it would be great to put on a show and sell tickets to the neighborhood. I made up some and don't recall what we charged, but Florence and Bob with big smiles on their faces soon told me that they wanted some of those tickets. They thought it was tremendously funny that instead of "admit one" I had written "omit one" on my handmade tickets. We laughed about this for years.

Florence was well-known in the neighborhood for her temperance views that would have warmed the heart of Maine's long-time advocate Neal Dow. One of my father's favorite stories was about the time he visited the Hastings family and Florence proudly announced that her daughter Mary Alice was 21 that day and could now vote. To this Mary Alice added much to her mother's obvious discomfort, "And I can buy beer, too!" Many years later in the early 1970s when I was home from my historical research efforts in Canada, our cousin, known as "Canada Bill" Howe, came down from Ottawa to visit our families (Bob Hastings was also a first cousin of Bill's father). He proudly presented Florence with a bottle of expensive Canadian whiskey, which caused no end of mirth among all of us as she gamely accepted it with aplomb.

When I assumed the position as executive director of the Bethel Historical Society in 1974, Florence excelled as one of the "stars" of traditional craft demonstrations that became such an important part of our operations. Rug braiding and hooking, plus tole painting, were among her offerings in this realm. These and many others will be perpetuated on a more formal basis once a traditional craft facility bearing her name is built within the museum addition to the Robinson House.

During my years as executive director, I often talked with Bob and Florence about local history and their numerous colorful memories of various episodes and the people involved. One of my favorite stories is the one about the beginning of plowing roads in Bethel in 1926. Bob was a member of the Board of Selectmen that year. He, along with his two colleagues, were so opposed to plowing that they all resigned in protest, believing that if roads were plowed it would mean people would not be staying home and that would damage family life. Florence chided him for this stand, which even he had to admit later was certainly a thoroughly mistaken notion not borne out by the passage of time.

Sometime in the last 15 years or so, I was invited to speak at the Bowdoin Historical Society. I called Florence and asked if she would like to go with me, as I knew the Bowdoin/Bowdoinham area was where she had spent her early years. She was pleased to accompany me and had a great time visiting with everyone there. Among those present was one of her cousins, who talked extensively with her, which really pleased her as she had not seen him in some years. Shortly after that event, she called me and told me how glad she was to have made that trip since she had just received word that the relative she had so enjoyed seeing one last time had suddenly died. Almost every time I saw her after that she always recalled what a good time she had on that particular excursion.

Among other considerations, Florence will be long recalled for her humor, stories, and traditional craft skills. When she received the Boston Post Cane for being Bethel's oldest citizen, I went down to East Bethel with the town clerk and manager to witness the presentation in the living room where I had visited with her and Bob so many times before. It was a very nostalgic time for me within those most familiar surroundings. I was acutely aware that this would very likely be the last time I would see her there, and it was.

Stan Howe
Bethel

THANK YOU, BLACK DIAMOND CLUB

To the Editor:

Recently, the Black Diamond Club of Sunday River held a wine-tasting event with the proceeds benefiting the Bethel Rotary Club and its charities. The evening was a great success, thanks to Dave Nivus of the Good Food Store who provided the wine and the food; Patti Swan of the BDC who coordinated the event for the club's members; Greg Perry, director of the Sunday River Ski School, who arranged for the venue; and Rotarian Mike Liberti, who made it happen.

This was a wonderful event that allowed some of the area's "weekend residents" a way to give back to the Bethel Community.

Hopefully, this will turn out to have been the first of many annual BDC/Bethel Rotary Club wine-tasting evenings.

Thanks to all those who took part in this very nice evening.

Pat Roma
President, Bethel Rotary Club

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Planning Board gave its approval to the plan to enlarge the Bethel Post Office at its Main Street location.

The fourth Western Maine Snowshoe Challenge was held at Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center in Newry.

The Bethel Family Health Center held its annual meeting and dinner at Crescent Park School.

Births: Benjamin Wyatt Rainey, Octavia MiKayla Morin, Nathaniel Farrington Bennett, Delanna Marie Swett.

Deaths: Marshall Brown, Mabel W. Cameron.

20 years ago: Over \$125,000 was raised in a ski-a-thon held at Sunday River Ski Resort to benefit the Maine Handicapped Skiing program.

Erik and Pam Nelson were proposing to build an 88-unit condominium resort on 15 acres of their property off Route 2 in Hanover.

The former Fred Auger place on Route 26 in Newry was torn down and burned.

Births: Jeffrey Ray Chapman, Daniel John Myers.

Deaths: Allen W. Weeks, Yvonne A. Patenaude.

30 years ago: Vicky Myers assumed the duties of Branch Manager at the West Paris office of the Bethel Savings Bank.

The Mt. Abram Ski Patrol raised \$1,400 to purchase new toboggans to transport injured skiers off the mountain.

The Hanover Boy Scouts went on a ski outing to Sunday River Ski Area.

Deaths: Homer A. Roberts, Mrs. Lillian K. Swan, Mrs. Nellie S. McAllister.

40 years ago: The town of Gilead voted to use the old schoolhouse for future town meetings as it was in better condition than the town hall.

Henry H. Hastings announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination as County Attorney for Oxford County.

The Bethel Evening Extension held an International Supper featuring Puerto Rican foods.

Birth: Lorraine Ann Herick.

50 years ago: Andover reported a snowfall of 120 inches for the year.

The Bethel Area Development Corporation reported a total of 71 Active Members pledging financial support to the new organization since its inception Feb. 11, 1958.

A boat show was held at Ralph L. Clark's boathouse, lower Waldo Street, Rumford.

60 years ago: The Central Maine Power Co. purchased the Union Water Power Co. of Lewiston for \$650,000. The Union Water Co. was organized in 1878, and controlled the water storage on the Androscoggin River.

The Androscoggin River storage basins were very low. It was reported that the melting snow in the region could only half fill them.

Death: Hannibal H. Chapman.

70 years ago: The Bethel Village Corporation accepted the gift of the skating rink site on Paradise Street from the Lions Club.

Under a WPA project improvement was made on the Northwest Bethel Road. Curves were straightened and hollows filled.

The Naimey store was renovated. The partition was removed between the original store and the former A&P store.

Death: Mrs. Ella Coffin Hastings.

80 years ago: Albert Silver was appointed carrier on R.F.D. 4.

M.A. Naimey bought the Bisbee grain mill property on Main Street.

Bethel Inn employees enjoyed a picnic at Broadview Camp on Peter Grover Hill. Most of them enjoyed a straw ride to the camp. Some went on skis.

100 years ago: The Soldiers' Monument was placed in Bethel village at the junction of Main, Mechanic, High and Vernon streets.

A well-attended social dance was held in Odeon Hall. Miss Elsie Hall presided at the piano.

Death: Charles Grover.

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Propane

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Because the caller was from out of town and uncertain of her location, the fire was first thought to be farther south, and the Waterford and Stoneham fire departments were initially called.

"They arrived about the same time we did," said Jodrey.

The fire was fuel-fed until Folsom and a gas company technician arrived and shut the gas off, said Jodrey.

The fire started in the garage ceiling and spread to the apartment ceiling, Jodrey said.

The metal building had wooden trusses, which burned quickly and collapsed the roof, he said.

"It turned it into an 'M' - two tunnels down each side of the building, encased in tin," said Jodrey.

The metal walls prevented firefighters from breaking through to fight the flames.

A Stoneham truck pumped water from the nearby Crooked River to put on the blaze.

Firefighters were at the scene until about 2:30 a.m. Two hours later, they were called back after a passerby spotted more smoke coming from the site.

Inspectors from the state fire marshal's office were on the scene Monday. Jodrey said they concluded snow and ice from the roof broke three gas meters free from the back side of the building, exposing the pipes leading into the structure.

"There was propane encased in snow. It had to go somewhere, and it ran through the pipes in the wall," Jodrey said. "It ignited in the boiler room in the garage."

The propane tank was buried underground behind the building, he said.

In addition to Bethel, Stoneham and Waterford, fire departments from Greenwood, Newry and Gilead also responded, along with Bethel Rescue.

The building, which also had two business tenants, was insured.

Folsom's account

Bob Folsom said Tuesday that when he went to the garage Friday afternoon to check the odor his tenant had reported, he was uncertain if the smell was septic or propane.

"They can smell alike," he

said.

Folsom said he told the tenant to leave, and then he ventilated the building and found the gas boiler to be working properly.

"I leak-tested for gas, all the piping in the boiler room, and the gas dryer," said Folsom. "And there was no odor outside."

By then it was getting dark, he said, and he planned to return the next morning to clear the snow and ice from the gas line outside the building so he could check it.

"But I never got the chance," he said. "It was fortunate no one was hurt."

The structure was built in 1995, and much of it had been used for storage. Folsom said the Robert T. Folsom Co. heating business, now operated by his son, will continue in business.

Carriage House

The leak at the Carriage House condominium building, which Jodrey said houses three or four units, was reported at about 7 a.m.

"We had just gotten back and got cleaned up from the Folsom fire in time to go back out," said Jodrey.

The Spring Street building was evacuated and firefighters searched and ventilated it until the same gas technician who dealt with the Albany leak arrived.

A 3/4-inch gas pipe had been broken. In this case, there was a heavy buildup of snow on top of the pipe.

"It had been freezing and settling and getting heavier," said Jodrey.

The technician isolated the leak, and residents were back in the building within a couple of hours, Jodrey said.

The condo has a backup heating system, which was expected to be used until repairs could be made this week, he said.

As for the firefighters, they went home hoping nothing else would happen for a while.

"We were dragging on Saturday," said Jodrey. Four days later...

The departments did get a few days of rest.

But on Wednesday, Bethel and Newry were called out again to fight a fire at Sunday River Ski Resort's pump house, located next to the Barker Mountain Lodge.

Greenwood

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with a situation where they needed to deal quickly with an unanticipated capital expense.

A heating contractor had been called in for what was to be a routine cleaning and inspection of the furnace in the Locke Mills fire station.

Such maintenance should be done annually, but it had been five years since the last service call, and the contractor found a six-inch crack in the boiler, which is more than 30 years old.

"He said it would have to be replaced," said Town Manager Kim Sparks, "and then he went back and found that the chimney was unlined and not up to code. It would also have to be replaced."

The total cost: \$8,500 to \$10,000.

Fortunately in this case, the town also maintains a \$10,000 Emergency Account selectmen can draw on to meet urgent unexpected expenses.

That will just cover the situation at the Fire Station, without the need to call a special Town Meeting.

But the town selectmen and the three CIC members do not think this is a prudent — or cost effective — way for the

town to be managing its finances.

They believe the town urgently needs to begin rebuilding the reserve account, and the selectmen have proposed \$60,000 this year as a start.

Even prior to discovery of the fire station problem, the CIC had prepared a letter for the town's annual report.

In the letter they wrote that town buildings and equipment, "experience wear and tear and need to be routinely maintained and, at some point, replaced."

They strongly urged town voters to approve the selectmen's proposal to start rebuilding Greenwood's capital reserve.

While we continue to evaluate the state of the town and develop a workable [capital] plan, we feel the immediate priority is to establish reserve accounts specifically designated for capital improvements and to begin funding them for future needs. The Capital Improvement Committee is fully supportive of the Selectboard's decision to establish a Reserve Savings Account and seek annual funding via its own article on the annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Briefly

Agricultural carbon credit meeting

RUMFORD—The Threshold To Maine Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area is hosting an informational meeting for interested landowners to discuss agricultural carbon credits and a potential new volunteer carbon credit marketing program on April 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Town of Rumford Auditorium at the Rumford Town Hall. In 2007, Androscoggin Valley SWCD received a USDA/NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant to begin a pilot project called the Maine Carbon Credit Program. When all phases are completed a statewide soils carbon baseline will be established. A baseline is needed in order to certify our soils as eligible for agricultural carbon credits. The ultimate goal is to provide landowners who use conservation practices that increase carbon storage in soils the opportunity to sell carbon credits through a voluntary market. To register for the meeting contact the Threshold To Maine office at 657-3131, or email threshold@gwi.net, by April 15.

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For more info on the auction or to donate to the auction, please call Xandy Morton at 364-2111 or Cheryl Dickson at 369-9008.

Notice of Public Hearing

Town of Woodstock

The Woodstock Planning Board and the Woodstock Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday March 24, 2008 at 6:00 PM to take comments on ordinances proposed which will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Conference Room at the Woodstock Town Office.

The ordinance proposals are as follows follows;

Amendments to the "Sub-division Regulations for the Municipality of Woodstock, Maine"

Amendments to the "Building Permit Ordinance Town of Woodstock, Maine"

Enactment of the "Property Maintenance Ordinance for the Town of Woodstock, Maine"

Enactment of the "Tax Acquired Property Ordinance for the Town of Woodstock, Maine"

Enactment of the "Board of Appeals Ordinance for the Town of Woodstock, Maine"

Full copies of these proposed ordinances and a detail sheet of the minor changes proposed for the Sub-division ordinance are available at the Woodstock Town Office for full inspection.

Woodstock Board of Selectmen
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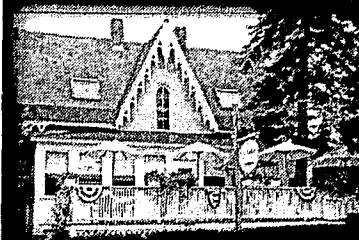
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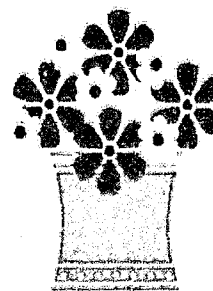
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Andover

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"I realize the fire chief does an excellent job," said Merrill. "I just want to see the Fire Department live with a budget the town can afford."

Merrill also said he was concerned about Dixon's use of town gasoline used in his pickup truck.

Merrill said that last year, Dixon accounted for 8,000 miles driven on town business, but more than 8,000 miles worth of town gas had been used in his truck. Dixon acknowledged he had received a letter of reprimand from selectmen on the issue.

He said he has used his truck to transport AFD equipment, travel to training sessions, and provide traffic control.

Selectmen now require him to submit mileage records for meetings and other activities related to the department.

"They have their accounting now," said Dixon.

Merrill also said the AFD has a subscription to Sam's Club and several magazines.

He said that given current economic conditions, all Andover department heads had been asked to come in under budget this year.

"People have to decide whether to pay medical bills or fuel bills," said Merrill.

Other citizens suggested the department cut back on fire truck trips out of town, such as for parades.

Dixon said he has to allocate time for fire truck drivers to train on the vehicles so they can operate them efficiently in a fire situation.

The training time would have to be scheduled anyway, he said.

"If you don't drive your vehicle for three months, how familiar are you with it?" he asked.

The article was later amended to appropriate \$35,000 for

the account, and the article was approved.

Articles defeated
Voters defeated the following AFD-related articles: \$10,000 to establish an Emergency Fire Equipment Repair Account; \$1,800 to rebuild the engine in the forestry truck; and \$805 for Emergency Management.

Dixon said the town is required by law to have an emergency management director. The director attends county EMA meetings, draws up emergency plans and applies for grants.

But Kevin Scott said Oxford County should pay

the cost.

Dixon also had his defenders.

"I think what he asks for is right on target," said Scott Gisseman. "When you need [the Fire Department], it's priceless."

Ron Wells said Dixon is doing a good job preparing Andover for the future.

"The man is paid peanuts to put up with this," said Wells.

Under an article to appropriate a total of \$2,500 for volunteer fire and rescue personnel, residents voted to distribute all the funds among volunteers who do not otherwise receive stipends.

Dixon and the asst. chief had received \$736 and \$156, respectively, from the volunteer personnel account, Merrill said.

The fire chief also receives a \$1,500 stipend and the deputy and assistant chiefs \$500 each.

Possible successors

In a letter in the town report, Dixon wrote that "effective Jan. 1, Robert Hutchins, who has acted as the AFD's assistant chief for the past 40-plus years, has stepped down to be the department safety officer to make room for potential candidates for fire chief."

He said Robert Dixon has been promoted to first Asst. chief and Sylvanus Glover to

By ALISON ALOISIO

"I have a problem with voting for things my children have to pay for," said Dave Percival.

Most of the 120 people at Saturday's Andover Town Meeting apparently shared Percival's sentiment.

They easily defeated a proposal to extend the town's 10-year interlocal agreement with Med-Care Ambulance.

The article was one of 72 taken up by residents at a marathon 10-hour meeting.

The meeting started at 9 a.m., broke for lunch and stretch periods, and finally concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Another vote planned

Town officials and residents had expressed concern in recent months over a \$2 million proposal to build Med-Care a new facility in Mexico (*Update, Page 6*).

They also worried about the length of the loan to pay for it (an anticipated 20 to 30 years).

The current agreement with Med-Care expires June 7.

A committee comprised of Belinda Poor, Trudy Akers, Kevin Scott Gisseman and Todd Papianou will now craft an alternative plan for voters to consider in late May or early June.

In order to ensure the town has ambulance coverage until then, voters approved \$7,200 to pay Med-Care for ambulance service between now and then.

The cost for service through all of 2008, as a member town, would have been \$15,249.

The committee may consider other alternatives to Med-Care, but members are expected to try to negotiate continued service from Med-Care on an annual basis.

Steve Brown, chairman of the Med-Care Board of Directors, attended Saturday's meeting and said any decision to offer Andover continued service would be up to the board.

He said it was likely any short-term contract "would be similar to what you are paying."

Papianou, who said he served in the past as an emergency medical technician in New Hampshire, characterized the Med-Care organization as "too big."

Brown said by opting out of membership in the 11-town ambulance organization, Andover would lose its share of assets.

Newry and Peru have voted to renew their agreements. Other towns have not yet voted.

Ken Dixon, Andover's representative on the Med-Care Board, said if any town voted "no" on the agreement, the pact would have to be rewritten for the remaining towns.

Voters later defeated an article that would have reduced the number of first-responder ambulances in Andover from

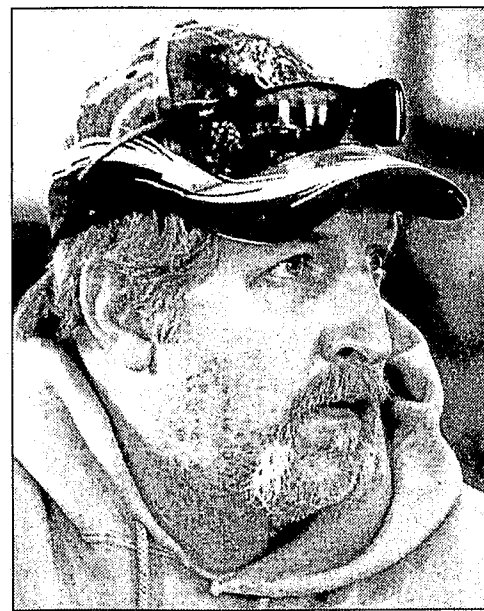
two to one, in order to save money.

Wayne Delano said the town should wait for a decision to be made on Med-Care before voting on eliminating ambulances.

Grimaldi field

A citizen-initiated article that would have imposed a freeze on further improvements at the Grimaldi recreational field until a committee could create a long-term plan drew much debate, and eventually concluded in a compromise.

Current projects include a baseball backstop and dugouts, lighting and electrical service.



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Dick Merrill, a member of the Budget Committee, questioned the effectiveness of the Recreation Committee, which oversees the site.

Susan Merrow, an advocate for the freeze, said for the past decade various "roadblocks" have arisen that prevented progress at Grimaldi.

"Unless there's a 100 percent buy-in from the community, there will be roadblocks again," she said.

In the end, voters endorsed the continuation of projects that had already been approved for the Grimaldi site.

But they also required that the Recreation Committee draw up a plan for the property, to be voted upon at the 2009 Town Meeting.

Saying they did not want to allocate money for future projects until they see the plan, voters then defeated an article to raise \$7,000 for Recreational Capital Improvement.

A donation of a picnic pavilion for the Grimaldi site by the Roxbury ATV Riders club was accepted, contingent on a proposal to fit the pavilion in with the long-term Grimaldi plan.

Revaluation rejected

Residents turned down an article to raise \$25,000 toward a town revaluation.

A total of \$50,000 has been set aside over previous years.

Selectman Jeff Rainey said an accurate valuation of the town would mean more money from the state for veterans and homestead tax exemptions, and a larger reimbursement for land in tree growth.

And if his own property is overvalued compared to what others in town should be, he said, "I don't want to pay someone else's share [in taxes]."

Rainey also said that eventually some individual taxpayer will tell the town he [the taxpayer] is "paying way too much, and will fight it. Then a revaluation will be forced, probably by a judge."

Delano was skeptical any government body could force the town into a revaluation.

And, he said, property values generally are "dropping like a rock," and would adjust themselves to some extent.

Other articles

Voters approved establishing a committee to research town employee salary and benefit packages.

The committee will be comprised of Dick Merrill, Karen McKay, Sid Pew, Donna Libby and Barb Simmons. Two selectmen will serve in a non-voting capacity.

Another article that would have immediately required employees to share in the cost of their health benefits was defeated.

Three percent raises for employees and officials were approved.

Voters also approved money to fix the roof of the Town Office.

To pay for it, they upped a requested \$10,000 for maintenance of the building to \$15,000.

Selectmen said the roof was recently found to be in poor condition.

Highway-related articles were approved, but Road Commissioner Marshall Meisner said a project to pave .375 mile of North Main Street would not go forward if the \$52,600 appropriated turns out to be insufficient to pay for the work.

As of Wednesday, town officials had not calculated the amount of money to be raised from taxes as a result of the Town Meeting.

Elections

In elections held Tuesday, Susan Merrow defeated incumbent selectman Laura Hutchins 137-121, for a three-year term on the board. A third candidate, Jessica Freeman, received 26 votes.

Melissa Case, running unopposed, won a three-year term on the SAD44 School Board with 251 votes.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

The Easter Bunny is certainly coming early this year. I'm not quite sure how Peter Cottontail will wind his way down the bunny trail through all this snow but I'm sure he'll find a way.

I really wish Easter was much later so the symbolic rebirth of the earth would be closer to reality. It's pretty hard to think of spring flowers pushing up through the frozen soil when they're covered with several feet of snow.

If I had my way Easter would always arrive when the snow is gone, the crocuses are blooming and the temperatures are mild. If I had my way Easter egg hunts would always be held when the grass is green and no one would ever have to wear a winter coat covering up their Easter outfits.

But, unfortunately, I can't have my way because I, nor anyone else for that matter, can control when it's going to be Easter. And it's been that way since A.D. 325 when the Council of Nicaea issued the Easter Rule. The Easter Rule dictates that the sacred holiday be celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon or after the vernal equinox. Consequently, Easter is astronomically bound never to fall earlier

than March 22nd or later than April 25th.

As a child I don't remember any of the actual dates that Easter fell on, but it always seemed just a hop, skip and a jump from Easter Sunday to the last day of the school year. This year with an early Easter and a very long school year due to all the snow days, it will be many hops, skips and jumps before the kids can celebrate summer.

I'm especially fond of all things Easter egg.

On the plus side, however, I guess it will be nice to have Easter lilies and decorated eggs to brighten the dullness of this time of the year. I do love the lilies and I'm especially fond of all things Easter egg.

Chocolate eggs, egg shaped jelly beans, malted milk eggs, Cadbury eggs and decorated hard-boiled eggs always make me smile. Especially the Cadbury eggs, though my smile will include a little chocolate at the corners of my mouth.

The Easter egg, as many of you know is symbolic of birth. But, I bet you

didn't know that in Germany in the latter part of the 1800's the Easter egg was often substituted for a birth certificate. An egg was dyed a solid color, then a design that included the newborn's name and date of birth was etched into the shell with a needle or sharp tool. Such eggs were even honored in law courts as evidence of identity and age.

I just can't imagine having to show your ID to a cop and handing them an egg. I think you could end up with a bit of egg on your face over that one.

Well, snow or no snow, cold or no cold, Easter is this Sunday and I must start hiding Easter eggs for my grand kids to come find Sunday afternoon. And I'm sure they won't find them all, because I always go a bit overboard, and I will continue to find Easter eggs in nooks and crannies from now until Christmas. That is, after all, part of the tradition.

The way I see it, it doesn't really matter what date Easter falls on. It is a very symbolic holiday whether you celebrate it from the religious perspective or simply as the hope of spring. And on that note, I would like to egg you all on to a very Happy Easter.

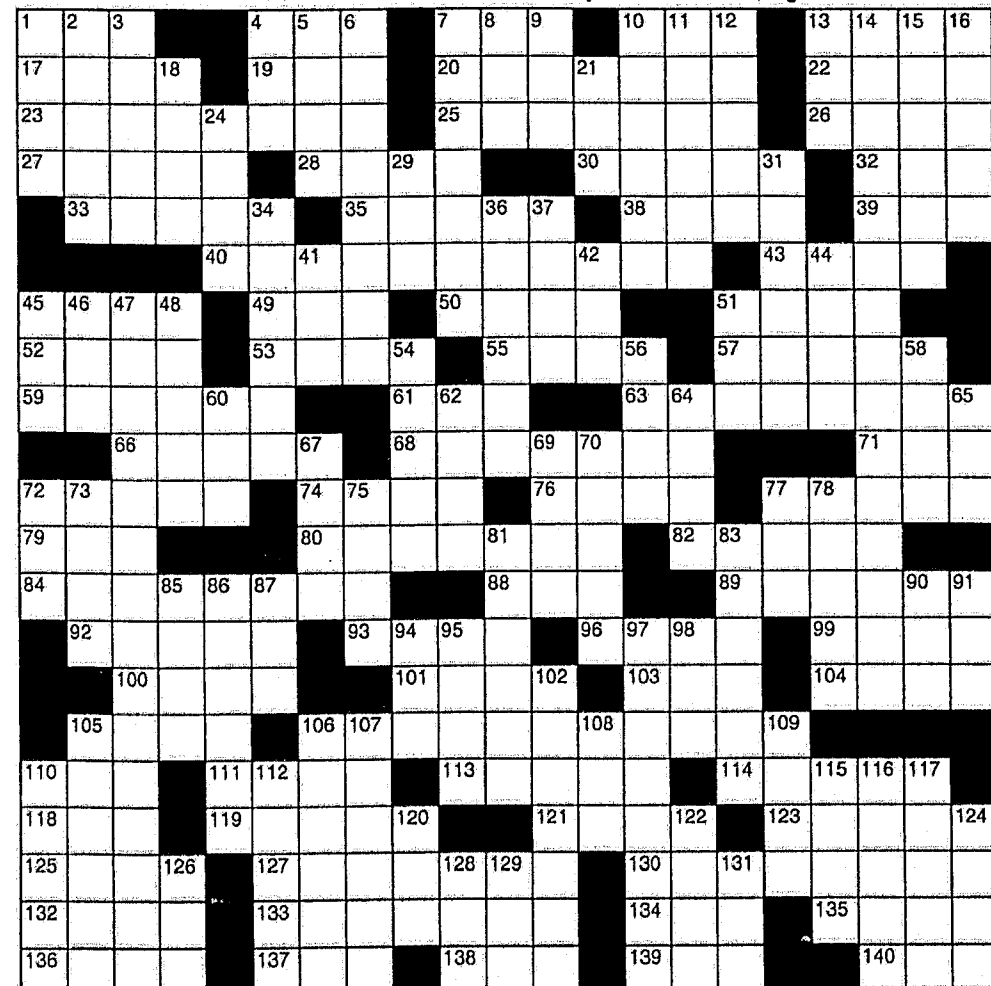
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124 Word in an octagon
126 Make believe
128 Seance sound
129 Lyman or Lincoln
131 Bit of sunshine



Super Crossword 'Word Play'

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Monday, March 17

At 5:04 a.m. Officer Travis Fillmore assisted Bethel Rescue with a medical call on the West Bethel Road.

Saturday, March 15

At 6:56 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to Spring St. to assist the Fire Department with a propane leak.

Thursday, March 13

At 10:35 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to a Main Street business for a report of a missing snake. The owner believed someone might have taken the reptile. Fingerprints were taken. Two hours later the owner called to say he had found the snake.

At 11:17 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to a two-vehicle property damage accident in a business parking lot.

Tuesday, March 11

At 5:50 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor took a report of a property damage vehicle accident that had happened a half hour earlier, and responded to the scene. The subjects involved were advised they should not leave an accident scene.

Monday, March 12

At 9:11 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Mayville Road for a car-deer accident.

From the Oxford County Sheriff:

Sunday, March 16

At 1:45 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to the Hayes Hill Road in Greenwood for a report of four shotgun blasts near the power lines or stump dump.

At 8:12 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Route 2 in Gilead for a two-vehicle property damage accident.

Saturday, March 15

At 3 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Main Street in Woodstock regarding an earlier burglary.

At 5:53 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Trails End Road in Woodstock for a two-vehicle, property damage accident.

Wednesday, March 12

At 3:21 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Echo Lane in Woodstock for a report of threatening.

At 4:46 p.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to Birch Road in Greenwood for a report of a break-in at a camp.

Monday, March 10

At 10:10 a.m. Deputy Chris Davis responded to South Main St. in Woodstock for a report that someone had broken into an office and taken checks and cash.

Upton

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replace the town's current 25-year-old machine.

Lewitt said he was not against the purchase itself, but he thought the town should first build a garage where the machine would be adequately protected, both from the elements and from the corrosive effect of salt in a damp building.

The current loader is housed in an unheated, unventilated

shed at the town transfer station.

But Lewitt's was the sole vote against authorizing the purchase.

Voters also agreed, unanimously, to spend \$24,000 for a new roof and other repairs at the century-old schoolhouse used for town meetings.

Half of that money will come from taxes and half from surplus.

The total municipal budget approved by voters was \$291,691, of which \$137,091 will be raised from taxes, \$76,600 from surplus and \$78,000 from other revenue sources.

The tax rate cannot be established until the town votes on its SAD44 assessment, which has not yet been established.

That vote will take place at a meeting later in the year.

Upton's tax rate for 2007 was \$8.08 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Upton's annual report for 2007 was dedicated to Alfred Gagnon, Roger Laval, Richard LeComte and Clayton Thompson, long term residents who died during 2007 and January 2008.

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Med-Care: Andover obligated for debt on new Mexico facility

By ALISON ALOISIO

"It goes back to whether we're committed to the loan," said Kevin Scott.

Scott's comment came at the end of an evening of debate on Andover's options and rights regarding Med-Care ambulance service.

Residents at Saturday's annual Town Meeting voted down extending their 10-year agreement with Med-Care Ambulance. A new committee has been tasked to try to negotiate an annual contract for service.

But on Tuesday, some residents learned, they said, for the first time that Andover would still be tied to the debt that will be incurred by Med-Care to pay for a new \$2 million facility.

About 40 people attended the weekly selectmen's meeting, at which Med-Care director Dean Milligan talked about the town's obligations and options.

"If Andover chooses to leave, the debt of the new facility is carried with you," he said.

Milligan said Andover's share of the debt for the new building would be \$188,000 over 30 years.

(As a member of Med-Care, Andover's current \$12 per capita cost would rise to \$19 as a result of the new project, he said.)

Selectman Jeff Rainey said he had understood the town would still be obligated to pay toward the land purchased for the building, because papers have already been signed by the Med-Care Board of Directors.

But the idea the town would also be responsible for the building was news, he said.

Scott disagreed with Milligan. He noted that Med-Care had only been deemed "eligible" for a USDA loan for the building, but the board had not yet signed papers.

And, he said, the current interlocal agreement addresses a town's responsibility for its debt only if it withdraws from the interlocal agreement before the agreement expires.

"There's a difference between withdrawing mid-stream and not renewing," he told Milligan.

But Milligan replied that Med-Care's attorneys said obligations resulting from non-renewal are covered within the agreement.

"Are you willing to force litigation?" asked Scott.

"That would be up to the board," replied Milligan.

A resident asked how many people in the room were aware before the meeting that the town was still obligated to pay for the building.

Only a few raised their hands, including Ken Dixon, Andover's representative on the Med-Care board.

Milligan said that debt obligations had been stated in every public meeting held since last fall.

(At an informational meeting in mid-October, an Andover resident asked Med-Care board chairman Steve Brown at what point the town would be committed to the building project. He replied that the board has the authority to enter into the loan agreement.

At a public hearing in Mexico in early October, Brown said a town that did not renew its agreement would still be bound to debt incurred while it had been with the service.)

Other disadvantages

Milligan outlined what he saw as other negatives for Andover if it simply contracts for service, noting, he said, that his points were not intended to be threatening. Among them:

1) The town would be responsible for the debt of Andover residents who do not pay their transport bills. Currently, those costs are absorbed by Med-Care.

"The remaining 10 towns are not going to absorb your town's debt," Milligan said.

Over the past two years, that debt has totaled \$16,000.

2) The two rescue units currently housed in Andover and used by local first responders belong to Med-Care.

"The units are our proper-

ty, and would be returned to Med-Care. That's not to say we might not look at selling one," Milligan said.

3) In talking with Andover about contracted services, the remaining 10 member towns would have to consider whether the arrangement would be a benefit to them.

And with no representation on the board, "you can take it or leave it once it's decided what the offer is," he said.

4) Currently each town's share is determined by its population. Milligan said it might be possible in the future that valuation would be a factor.

Response time

Scott Owings said the benefits of the new facility, at least for Andover, were not apparent.

"That building does nothing toward getting an ambulance to Andover any faster," he said. "It actually puts it farther away."

The new facility would be located east of its current location on Route 2 in Mexico.

Milligan said the location is the best for the member towns collectively.

Currently the average response time to Andover is 20 minutes, he said.

Milligan also said the board had looked at 30 possible locations/options for the new building.

Dixon said in serious medical situations, Andover first responders transport the patient to meet a Med-Care Ambulance on the road.

He said the town pays about \$500 a year to maintain the two rescue vehicles in Andover.

As for other service options, Rainey said Bethel Rescue is not interested in providing service, and PACE would charge \$250,000 a year.

Reason to hope

But Todd Papiannou, a member of the ambulance committee and former emergency medical technician, remained optimistic.

He said that the small town of Errol, N.H. has its own ambulance service, proving little towns can fend for themselves.

"We have a lot of options. I'm not afraid. I am afraid of \$2 million plus," he said.

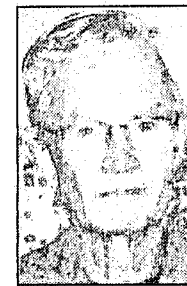
Sheriff Wayne Gallant and a deputy also attended Tuesday's meeting to ensure a civil atmosphere, selectman Hope Peterson said.



SNOW, ICE CONTINUE TO BREAK GAS LINES—For the second Friday night in a row, area fire departments fought a fire that resulted from snow and ice breaking propane connections to a building. The gas meters on the back of this Route 5 building in Albany, owned by Bob Folsom, broke free and allowed propane to leak into the structure. Here, firefighters set up equipment to fight the flames. Homeowners are advised to check their outside heating connections to be sure they are free of ice/snow. The changing temperatures of the season can cause built-up ice and snow to continually shift position.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Bethel



by Donald G. Bennett

Will the urge to ski or ride

on the part of cross-country

skiers and snowmobilers

last as

long as the

snow this year? If, as the Bethel Inn ski shop crew estimates, good skiing will be available on Inn trails past April 1, will the length of the season be able to hold its users' enthusiasm? Depth of snow cover on the Inn's trails is still around 18 to 24 inches.

Kathy and I will celebrate snow-covered trails of late March by taking off for two weeks for Orlando. Like John Denver, we are "leaving on a jet plane" but we do know when we will be back again, March 31.

There was plenty of activity around the damaged Eden Ridge Condo Building Two this week. Most of the outside of the building looks OK

but there were a lot of pickups parked in the front driveway of the building.

Gould Academy students were on spring break this week and they will begin classes again on Tuesday, March 25.

Study, discuss, evaluate and plan

Bethel Selectmen and the Bethel Budget Committee have met and will be meeting together four times this month working on the budget for next fiscal year.

Notice of a planned Mountain Explorer meeting was e-mailed around the end of last week. A meeting of stakeholders, all interested parties, Western Maine Transportation and a state transportation consultant is called for March 20, Thursday, at 3 p.m. in the Bethel Inn's South Dining Room.

The agenda will cover lessons learned from this season's operations, new routes and schedules, new buses, and discussion on whether or not a Bethel Area Transit Committee should be re-formed. Besides moving people to and

from work it can be an excellent economic development tool. With an effective resident education and favorable word-of-mouth advertising, the bus system can be used to cut down further on local traffic and help people with shopping minus having to drive their own car.

The Trails Committee of the Mahosuc Land Trust met last Wednesday and eight people attended. At the end of last year Bethel Area Trails Committee members voted to reorganize so that the committee would shed an image of being an independent group to become more clearly a committee of the Mahosuc Land Trust. New name is Trails Committee of the Mahosuc Land Trust. Bonnie Pooley is the committee's chair and Jim List is the coordinator. Based on Wednesday's discussion, the committee's two main objectives are the "Gateway" trail from Davis Park to Telstar and an extension of the Bethel Pathway trail from the North Road to Twitchell Brook. The latter trail has been given a shot in the arm

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by the town and the Cheney's agreement to swap land parcels. Although the town will be a major shareholder in this trail project, from comments heard that were made by selectmen, the board expects significant participation by the Trails Committee. While the issue of signs and advertising exists, it comes down to uniformity, following ordinances and money. However, the land swap will make for easier planning. Both projects, Mayville and Gateway, require archaeological, DEP and local

permits before any work begins. **Nature's friends — come out wherever you are** Our backyard raccoons have awakened and return each night for whatever snack they can find by our back door. On a trip to Rangeley last Tuesday, we saw a happy moose soaking up the morning sun on a side road in Byron. On our way back another moose was standing in the road (again in Byron) and signaled it was not going to move. We drove by very slowly while it just

looked in our car window. If we had been sure of the consequences, I could have lowered the window and patted his or her nose, which was within an easy arm's reach.

Late afternoon coming through Oquassoc at the junction of Routes 4 and 17 we must have idled by at least two dozen deer that were milling around in and beside the road. For nearly two miles on the road from Rangeley we passed deer in groups of three and four standing on snow banks beside the road. Our nightly deer visits are by one's and two's at a time, after dark in most cases.

Snow woman Olympia: Symbol of An Older Bethel's Canning Industry Achievements?

Did you know that B&M baked beans and Bethel have a common denominator? Burnham & Morrill built a corn canning factory in South Paris in 1868. Twelve years later a New York importer, Wolf and Reessing, built a similar factory in Bethel to can sweet corn. Would you believe usually by early September they had shipped in a quarter of a million empty cans for the fall canning? In those days, Maine's sweet corn was considered "The Finest Kind." Bethel, Albany, Mason, West Bethel, Gilead and Newry farmers signed up to raise sweet corn for the factory.

In 1881, after the corn was canned, the factory operated until December canning beef and mutton. Apples were canned too after the corn season ended. Like most crops grown in Maine for the Boston and New York markets our sweet corn gave way to mid-west sweet corn. In 1889, Bethel appropriated \$2,500 to build a new factory for lease to the Wyman Brothers of Woburn, Mass. — then owners of the "corn shop." And where was it built? Only a few hundred yards from where our snow woman Olympia now stands.

B&M and Bethel corn canning switched to other products as sweet corn's market faded. In the 1880s and '90s

lima beans were hot items for our farmers to grow for the "corn shop." The Fritz J. Tyler Canning Company ran the Bethel business in the 1920s. He named his company products White Mountain Brand — Maine Sugar Corn and White Mountain Brand Pork and Beans. Mr. Tyler should also be remembered as the man for whom Tyler Street is named. And thanks again to Doris Fraser for having the interest and foresight to save two of the original White Mountain Brand labels.

If you have news for the Bethel column please e-mail it to Donald@thebetheljournal.com or call 824-2094 or even mail it to PO Box 763 in Bethel.

Gilead

by Lin Chapman

Just when you think spring might be around the corner, along comes another storm. Just because the calendar says that March 21 is the first day of spring, it does not always happen that way!

There was a birthday party at the home of Aline Dupont this past weekend for her daughter, Jennifer Norris. Besides the guest of honor and her husband, Lee Norris, those attending were Steve and Lise McLain, Jarrod Crockett and Gerard Dupont. Aline made a delicious dinner for everyone, which included homemade biscuits. There was also a beautiful birthday cake for dessert.

Also at this time, I would like to wish Lise McLain a Happy Birthday! Today (March 20) is the day. A few weeks ago, Dan Cole called to tell us that the barred owl had returned and was hanging around his house. This past weekend, my neighbor, Alicia McLean, called to let us know that there was an owl behind her moth-

er's house. Hugh and I went down to Wayne and Linda's to check it out, but the owl had left. They said that it sat and watched the turkeys for quite some time and did not seem to mind them watching it and taking pictures.

Hugh and I made a trip to Portland this past Monday for a doctor's appointment. After the appointment, we went to visit Howard and "Stevie" Reiche.

We had some material to drop off to them and they had some pictures to send home with us. Howard had taken some Gilead pictures and had them enlarged for display in the Town Hall.

Town Meeting This is a reminder that the annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, March 29, at 7 p.m. A copy of the warrant will be posted at the Town Hall, the town clerk's office and the administrative assistant's office. The finishing touches are being done on the annual Town Report, and that will be available soon.

There will be a special selectmen's meeting right after the Town Meeting.

Gilead Historical Society The GHS is hoping to have a great turnout for the meeting on Saturday, March 29, at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall. We really need to get busy and do

more planning for the Friends and Family Day that will be held on June 21. We are in need of lots of helpers to pull this day off. There is a lot of work involved in the planning and carrying out of the event. Come and give us a hand even if you are not a member of the GHS.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

East Bethel

by Nancy Mercer
Dot Bartlett and Nancy Mercer attended Bethel Senior Citizens at the

Serendipity Café on March 12. Roger and Louise Twitchell were in Portland on March 12. Rose and Alan Wentworth of Kennebunk visited Arlene Harrington and at the Bartlett Homestead on March 16.

I noticed the red-winged blackbirds are here now (March 16).

There were about a half dozen in the bird-feeding areas. I have an older deer and two young ones that come in the morning and again in the late afternoon to feed.

If you have news, give me a ring at 824-3350.

Area Easter Services

Andover

First Congregational Church—March 20: Maundy Thursday commemoration of the Last Supper and garden meditation, 5:30 p.m. in the CEB. March 21: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. March 23: Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 PM followed by a breakfast. Regular worship at 10 a.m.

Bethel

Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church—March 23: Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. March 23.

West Parish Congregational—March 21: Ecumenical Good Friday service, 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. March 23: Ecumenical Easter sunrise service on Paradise Hill, 6:40 a.m. Easter sanctuary service at West Parish Congregational, 10 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist—March 20: Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.; March 21: Good Friday (Bethel Area Clergy) 7 p.m. March 23: Ecumenical Easter sunrise service on Paradise Hill at 6:40 a.m. Easter Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bethel Nazarene—March 21: Joint Good Friday Service with Bethel Alliance Church, 7 p.m. at the Alliance Church. March 23: Sunrise Service at the Nazarene Church, 7 a.m., with breakfast to follow; Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

Newry

Sunday River Christian Ministry: March 23: Easter Mountaintop Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. at the top of Barker Mountain. Interdenominational worship service led by Rev. Don Coverdale and Music Director Cynthia Clark. Ride up/down free on Lift #1, which opens at 6:30 am. No skis needed. Collection for Food Pantry. FMI: 824-3000 or 824-5896.

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Trinity Lutheran Church (34 Buckfield Rd.) March 20: Maundy Thursday Pot Luck dinner and Communion Service, 6 p.m. March 21: Cross Walk from Unitarian Church at 1 p.m.; Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Trinity at 7 p.m. March 23: breakfast from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., followed by a mini-concert at 10 a.m. Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.

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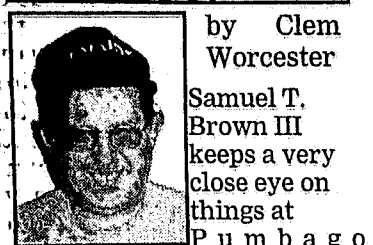
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Hanover



by Clem Worcester
Samuel T. Brown III keeps a very close eye on things at Plum-bago

Mountain Farm. If any creature gets anywhere near his flock of hens he is sure to let everyone know about it. Samuel must have been napping when weasels and a mink made away with the entire flock. Keeping hens at Plum-bago Mountain farm has proven difficult over the years with the population of fox, skunks and wolverines (Opps, I think I meant coyotes!) that frequent the area. Last summer a bald eagle was observed swooping in to catch a hen and carry it off.

Peter Baker is recovering at home after a bout with the flu. He was unsure if he would feel like taking a scheduled vacation to Florida.

The twins, Makala and Shawnee, made their first trip to Gram and Gramps Worcester's home last week. Uncle Dave, Aunt Gail and Aunt Marie came by to see the three-week olds and take pictures.

We are past the middle of March and there is still way too much snow. Anyone who hasn't cleaned the snow off roofs should carefully do it. Some buildings in Hanover have been damaged by the weight of the snow this winter.

A few Hanover people had birthdays this week.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington
Whenever a bird collides with my window, if I can get it to take

a couple drops of water and put it on an outside planter it will usually survive. Last week, a pine grosbeak hit and

was resting on the deck. When I picked it up and with its slightly crossed bill it decided to take a bite of my finger. I had just arrived home and not sure how long it had been on the deck. But with that much spunk I just put it on the planter for a rest. The closest thing to me as I entered the house was mouthwash. That is what I disinfected the bite with till I took off the pack and dropped things on the floor.

Years ago I was taught that if you ever handle a bird, immediately wash your hands. A practice I have been following since my bird-banding days.

This past week David Lowell's children, Heather and Lance Easterlin of Beaufort, N.C., and Marie Silfer from Myrtle Beach, S.C., were visiting with their dad and their grandparents, Bea and Frank Lowell. They had a great time together and ended the family celebration on Friday evening. As many of the family that could participate, enjoyed dinner at Rooster's Roadhouse. The three young ones headed to their homes on Saturday via Boston's airport.

On Sunday, Karlene Bachelder and Gilbert Seeley enjoyed lunch at the Cinnamon Stick Café in Locke Mills.

On St. Patrick's Day I joined Mark for lunch. We did a bit of shopping and buying for the upcoming Easter weekend.

I do wish all a very special weekend.

Upton



by Laurie Brown
At the selectmen's meeting it was agreed that

Marie Aron would be authorized to sign checks and transfer funds. Jim Rector is scheduled for a shoulder replacement (March 16). I hope his surgery and recovery are successful, speedy and complete.

Selectmen voted to request a one-year extension from DEP

to update the town's shoreland zoning map. DEP has determined that land and homes at the bottom of Mill Hill are located in significant wildlife habitat areas, and it should be reclassified as shoreland zoning. Paul Casey abstained from voting, as his name is involved.

The business items for the Town Report were accepted, and the selectmen accepted the four windows given by the Caseys. The windows will replace and closely match the library's broken windows.

At the Town Meeting on March 13, with Wendy Hanscom moderating, Jim Rector was re-elected without opposition for the positions of town clerk, treasurer and tax collector. Jennifer Casey was re-elected to the school committee.

In the first vote, Norm Mercier and Bob Brown each received 11 votes for the selectman position. Asked to introduce themselves, Norm said he'd lived in town 20-plus years and had an inspiration to become a selectman. Bob said he's been a selectman when he lived here several years ago and wanted to become involved again. Mike Le-witt abstained from voting the second time and Norm defeated Bob 11-10.

There needs to be a special Town Meeting to discuss and determine the school budget. Because SAD44 does not have a district with whom they can consolidate, they don't meet the requirements of our brilliant lawmakers in Augusta. It will be a more complicated and costly process for Upton and other small towns to compile a budget on which to vote.

After a coffee/donut break, voters amended Article 8, which was a request to raise \$12,000 from taxes to repair the schoolhouse, to include "pending proof of land and building ownership by the selectmen."

With the amendment, the article passed. Allegedly, heirs of Leslie and Colon Fuller's property are questioning the town's ownership of the land on which the schoolhouse sits.



EXERTING POLITICAL INFLUENCE—U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) Tuesday visited her namesake, Olympia SnowWoman. Snowe praised the creativity, innovation and cooperation of the organizers and volunteers who built the 122-foot snowwoman. Snowe said she has taken some ribbing from her fellow senators on the naming honor. Noting that her namesake is beginning to tip a bit, Snowe offered a helping hand; saying, "She needs a little help from Congress to hold her up." Engineer Jim Sysko observed that the snowwoman had been tilting toward the left, but with the help of the Republican senator, "she's leaning a bit more toward the right." (Photo: A. Aloisio)

When the present school was built, about 1899, the smaller school beside it was sold to the Ladies Aid Association and moved across the road.

A rather involved discussion concerning the purchase of a backhoe ensued. Mike Le-witt voiced skepticism that improper maintenance and storage of the machine in the sand/salt shed would hasten rusting and deterioration and might be a waste of money. After discussion, the article was accepted as read.

All other articles were accepted as read.

V. Bernier's aerial picture of Upton is displayed on the front page of the Town Report. Completing a very attractive spiral-bound report were pictures taken by Pat Kenyon.

The State Line Snowmobile Club's meeting has been changed to May 3 at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to everyone and will be followed by a Board of Directors meeting. With this tidbit, I'll end: Ac-

cording to then superintendent A.H. Tuck, in 1925 sanitary chemical toilets were installed in the schoolhouse which "added physical and moral protection to the children." Selah.

Andover



by Melinda Averill
Hello Andover people. First off — Happy Spring! Even though there

is a little storm predicted for this morning, it's officially the first day of many nice ones to come. Every day the sun is getting stronger, it seems nice.

Town Meeting on Saturday brought out a lot of people, even though the weather wasn't the best. This is the second year in a row that we have had snow on Town Meeting Day.

For those who didn't attend you might want to know that it was a very long day, starting at 9 a.m. and going until about 8:30-ish. We got through all of the articles, voting for almost all of the money that was requested. I believe that the most talked about was the Med-Care Ambulance contract (the new building that they would like to build), which didn't pass, and the new Fire Truck, which we will purchase with the help of a large grant the town received. It will take about a year before the fire truck arrives.

Thanks to Brad Thibodeau for wanting to do the difficult job of moderator (and who was the only one who had to stand all day).

Sympathy is extended to Kevin Scott and Susan Merrow, for the loss of his niece, Katie Scott, who passed away on March 5 at the age of 19. Katie is survived by her parents, Glenn and Kim (Wardwell) Scott; her grandparents, Elwin

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Look closely, and you won't see a single smile for 120 years. William King doesn't smile. Neither does Joshua Chamberlain. Nor Percy Baxter. Then in

the 1950s the smiles begin, getting broader and broader until we reach our present incumbent, displaying a slash of dental enamel resembling the White Cliffs of Dover.

Check the currency in your wallet - if Governor Grin has left you any - and see for yourself. Not a smile to be seen on the face of a single founding father. Then think of Jimmy Carter, a man with a grin as stiff and fixed as a cheerful village idiot's. There's a lesson here. It's easy to understand why incumbent congressmen are always smiling. They get re-elected about 98% of the time, pull down salaries of \$165,000 a year, are allowed to use \$75,000 of their staff salaries for their official expense accounts, get a minimum travel allowance of \$9,500 per year and are legally entitled to a pension of more than \$50,000 after a mere five years service. No reason in this to smile back at them.

Now, I'm not making an argument against smiling in general, but I am arguing that smiles on the faces of politicians are as threatening as those on the faces of salesmen trying to sell you a gilded widge, shares in the Kennebec Bridge or insurance against UFO abduction. With the public's approval of Congress hanging between 11% and 22%, it would be more appropriate if they wore expressions of anxiety or outright fear. If the voters knock off a hack like Mike Michaud from time to time just on general principles, the survivors would smile a lot less. This would be a good thing.

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and Verna; maternal grandmother, Florence Wardwell; and Clyde and Jane Wardwell, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

On Sunday, March 9, members of the Cabot Lodge in Andover traveled to Rumford's Oxford Lanes for a fun day of bowling. Seven teams from around Maine participated in the Knights of Pythias Tournament. Andover was represented by two teams, and each came home with a win—first and second place!

Happy birthday wishes this week to Ryan Theriault on Saturday, Justin Smith on the 24th, and Kasey Smith on the 25th.

Don't forget the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. in front of Mills Market. All kids from preschool through sixth grade are invited to hunt.

There is no school on Thursday (today) and Friday, due to workshops.

Don't forget to watch the Best of America by Horseback this weekend. See Andover on T.V. Channel 379 on Direct TV or Channel 231 on dish network on Thursday, March 20 (tonight) at 11:30 p.m., Sunday, March 23, at 11:30 a.m. and Thursday, March 27, at 1:30 p.m.

Pam Pace would like to let the Andover community know that she is in the process of organizing an informational meeting to see what kind of services Andover would like to see for senior citizens. Get your thinking caps on; you don't have to be a senior to attend! More information will be forthcoming.

Have a nice Easter Weekend!

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

I want to congratulate East Andover residents Esther Pew and Patrick Milligan upon attending the first Town Meeting in

which they were able to vote. Please don't think that all town meetings are the same every year, each one is different in its own way, so please come back again next year.

Someone who should know, told me that yesterday's meeting was the longest one in the history of the town. It lasted almost 12 hours, and I respect the residents who stuck it out until the end. The last half hour was sort of a blur to me, and all I had to drink all day was black coffee with nothing added so I can't blame booze.

I didn't sleep very well Friday night, and at one point I had a dream that I was at this big hotel and they didn't have any bathrooms—talk about a nightmare!

But my dream was nothing compared to one that was shared with me yesterday. The "dreamer's" dream was that they had killed a woman, chopped her up, and put her in a crock pot to melt so that they could then dispose of her in the ocean. I bet Freud would have a ball with that one. The telling of that dream was one of the high spots of my day, and as I promised that I wouldn't reveal the dreamer...

There were about 130 residents in attendance yesterday, not a very good turnout. I hope that more citizens will vote on Tuesday. By the time you read this, Tuesday will be history and it will be all over. Thank heavens!

Pam Pace and I want to thank Jan Bowman for her generous donation of clothing for the Andover Free Clothing Store located at the Town Hall. If you have any clothes that are in good condition and want to donate them, you are certainly welcome to do so. You can call Pam Pace at 357-0307 or me at 392-2394.

Last Monday's meeting of the East Andover Community Club was great fun. We exchanged mystery sister presents, played Bingo and had a great dessert. Lorena Simmons and Glenna Allen were the hostesses. Mary Bailey's gift from her mystery sister was a letter telling her that a donation had been made in

her name to the Santa Barbara Nudist Colony in California, and a bottle of sun tan lotion so that when she goes to visit the colony she at least won't get a sunburn. Good luck, Mary.

There have been a lot of people sick this last week, including Lorena Simmons, Mary Bailey, Marge Stinson, and Ivy Robinson. I hope you all are feeling better.

The recipe of the week is, I think, a very appropriate one. I am thinking ahead to spring, and although I've never eaten a dandelion before, I'm going to try this.

You will need 1/2 pound of fresh dandelion greens, 1/2 cup of red onions sliced thin, two tomatoes quartered, a pinch of basil, salt and pepper and French dressing. Pick only the small leaves and wash thoroughly, cut into two inch pieces and pat dry with a towel. Add the other ingredients; toss and mix well. Makes four servings. Aren't you glad that you didn't dig up all the dandelions from your lawn?

I can't believe that this Sunday is Easter, this year is just flying by. Happy Easter, and I hope that the Easter Bunny is good to you. See 'ya.

Mason



by Richard Grover

Like many loggers in Maine, I have had to give up logging with my Kubota tractor due to the deep snow. How deep is it, you ask? Last week, while harvesting firewood and yarding it a few sticks at a time with my snowmobile, I measured the snow on nearly level ground in the woods near my barn. In two places, I measured 50 and 51 inches of multi-layered snow! The good news is that this snow has been settling and being compacted since early December and has layers of ice and crust throughout; as a result, I only sink in a foot or so deep unless I step



"BREAKING GROUND" DESIGNED LEWISTON PARK—The Greater Bethel Skatepark Committee is continuing its work toward a new skatepark at Davis Park in Bethel. Selectmen last month approved a concrete design for the project by Breaking Ground of Cranston, R.I. Pictured above is a skatepark in Lewiston that was designed by the same company. Committee member Dave Bean said the estimated cost of construction is \$25/ square foot (not including site preparation). He said the Friends of Davis Park group will be applying for grants on behalf of the committee to help fund the work, and local contractors will be enlisted to provide in-kind donations of site work. The project would likely take place in two phases, Bean said. In the past two years, a total of \$13,700 has been raised. A \$15,000 contribution is recommended in Bethel's upcoming budget. Bean said a core group of 20 to 30 young skaters "are really invested in the process," and that fundraisers held at the Davis Park site have attracted a total of 100 to 150 people. The design will rely on input from skaters and other members of the public at committee meetings. (Submitted photo)

on a small tree or bush covered by snow.

It also allows snowmobiles to go almost anywhere there is space enough between trees without having to pack a trail. After the snow melts, I'll have to go back and cut the tree stumps off so I can collect the rest of my firewood.

Mazatlan trip continued: Our second day there, Paul took us on some more country roads till he turned down a lane bordered by fields of agave cactus; these cactus resemble large aloe plants, except that the agave leaves are much more fibrous and have rows of very hard and sharp needles running the length of them. The juice of the agave is also the source of the alcohol, Tequila.

Our trip this day took us to a very old Tequila distillery,

except for one thing: because of trademark laws in Mexico, agave alcohol can only be called Tequila if it is manufactured in the state of Tequila. Because we were in a state other than Tequila, the booze made here of 100 percent Agave is called "100 percent Agave Azul (juice) Los Osuna."

Paul introduced us to the caretakers and asked if they were giving tours. Since the distillery was not in operation that day, the man told us we could just wander through because no guides were available. Between the reception area and the distillery building was an open outside area containing a circular stone wall about 16 inches high containing some brown fibrous ma-

terial and a large stone "mill wheel" to which two mules were hitched on either side of a shaft running through the middle of the stone wheel. This is where the agave core is initially ground to a pulp by the mules turning the stone grinding wheel "round and 'round the circular pit. The agave core or "fruit" is harvested by cutting off all the leaves, leaving an egg-shaped core about two or three times the size of a pineapple, which is then cut off at or slightly below ground level. This is a woody, fibrous material that must be ground in order to separate the juice out.

After stone grinding, the agave is put into large metal vats buried up to their covers in the ground where it is cooked by ground fires for two days. After that, the material is run through another separating machine and the juice taken into the distilling building and distilled in very large metal stills. The striking part for me is that most of the material handling is by hand labor (ropes and pulley blocks) or mule power.

Once we had wandered through the distillery building, we walked back to the reception area past a brick wall covered by the most beautiful red Bougainvillea vines I've ever seen. There, we received a sample shot of "Los Osuna." To properly sample this, you first moisten the back of your hand with your tongue, salt it, lap the salt off, down your shot and then chew on a slice of fresh lime. "Ohh hah!" It's bottled in such a pretty bottle we just had to bring home one.

After the distillery, Paul drove us to a small village with a quaint restaurant called "El Mesond Los Laureanos." How they ever found this place we'll never know, but the owners were friendly, the food good and the restrooms had the most unusual fixtures I have ever seen in such a place.

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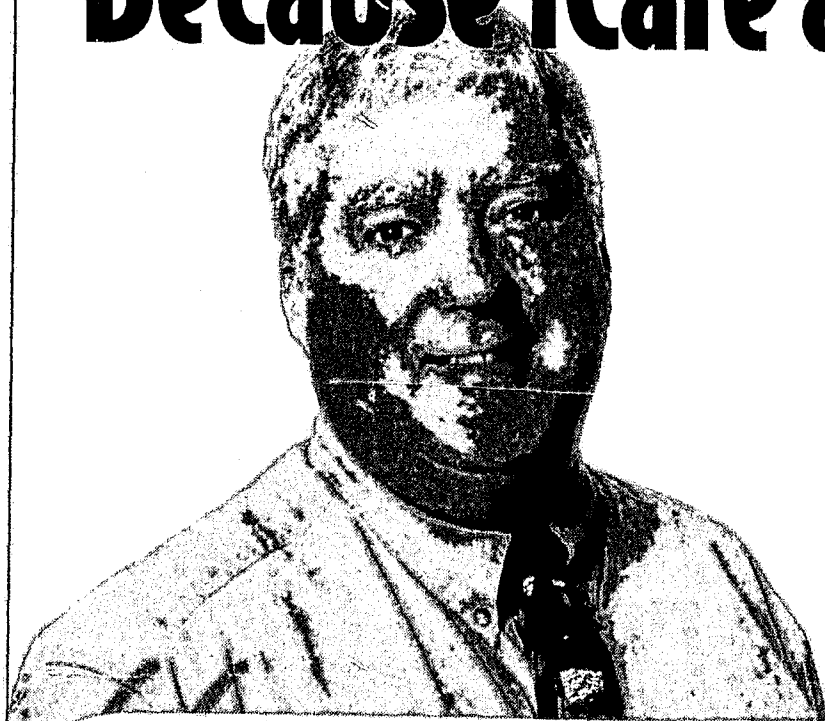
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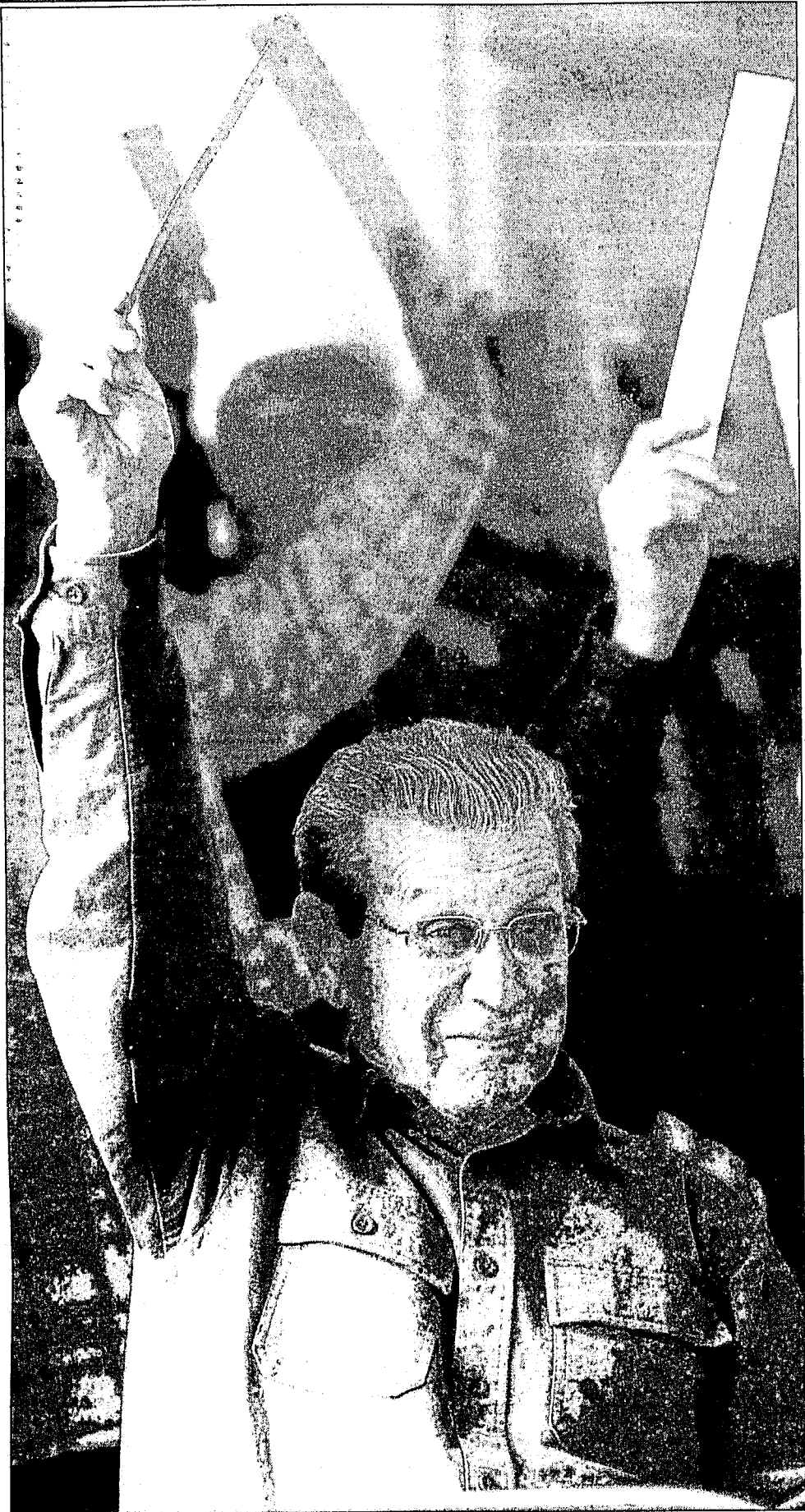
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wise, from top: About
120 voters turned out
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on the 72 articles,
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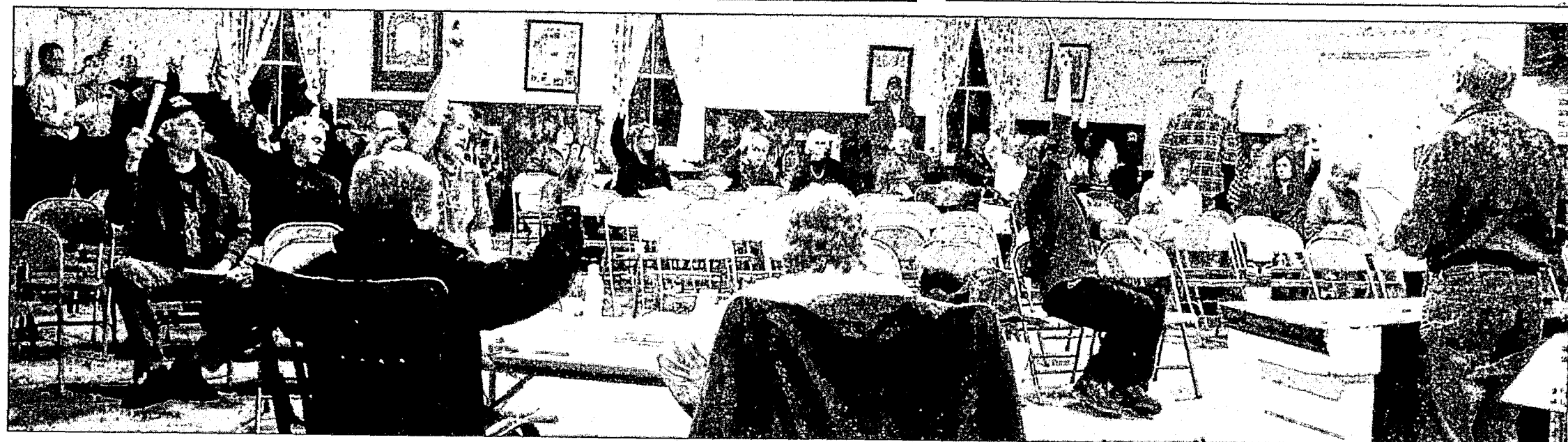
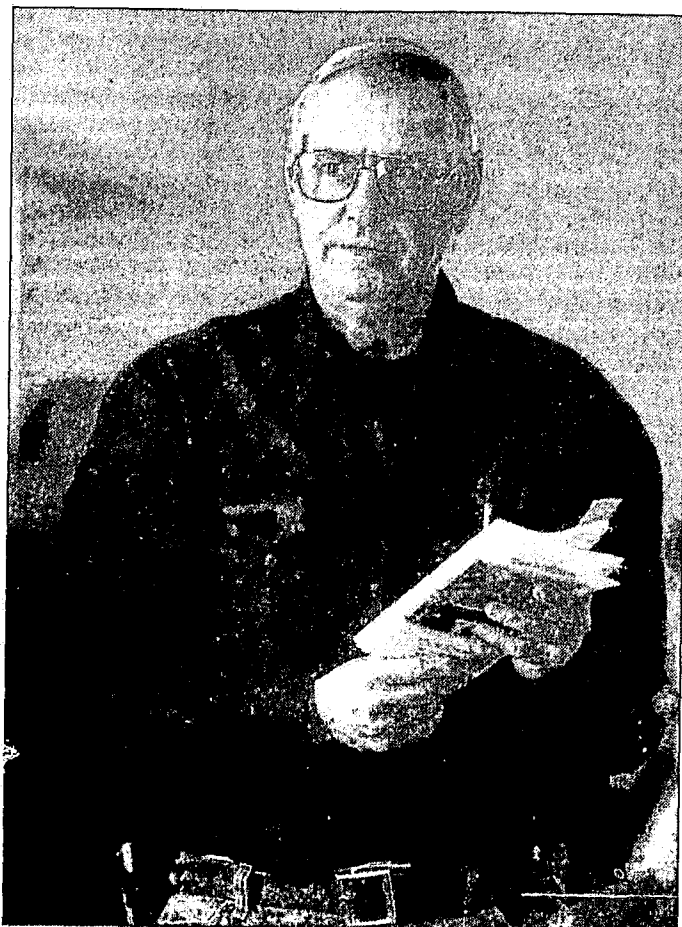
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From top, left to right: Susan Merrow (who Tuesday won a seat on the Board of Selectmen); Kevin Scott; residents vote in the only secret ballot of the day, on funding for a fire truck; Fire Chief Ken Dixon; Wayne Delano; Town Clerk Elaine Morton with her tape recorder and some of the seven tapes needed to record the entire meeting; weary survivors vote on the final article at 8:30 p.m. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



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The restaurant was actually three or four small buildings housing dining rooms. Together, they surrounded a tree-shaded central courtyard with more tables. Each building contained one or more restrooms. One featured a wash table with copper bowls with water controlled by large old-fashioned iron door keys and pouring through brass trumpets. The urinal in one room was a hollowed out brass or copper pig. There were cow skull light fixtures, a ceramic water faucet consisting of two hands holding a bowl with water running out and numerous other things I can't remember.

On the way back to the condo, Lee needed groceries, and I wanted to satisfy my craving for tropical fruits. I love mangos, papaya and pineapple. Paul took us to a very large and very modern and new supermarket, very much like the ones at home. The one feature that set this one apart from American ones I have seen was that it was on the second story of the building; the first level seemed to be storage or warehouse space. Shoppers ride an escalator up to store level and fill their shopping carts; then they take the carts down another escalator. The down escalator uses a moving ramp instead of steps, and it features grooves that somehow grasp the wheels of your shopping cart so that it does not roll down the ramp ahead of you!

West Paris



by
Joyce Lamb

The drive is bare and the snow is shrinking fast. The banks are now quite dirty. The new snow in small quantities helps to clean that up.

West Paris Universalist Church: On Easter Sunday, March 23, the sunrise service will be held at the home of Maryann and Ray Brown on the top of High Street on Perham Road. The service will be at 6:30 a.m. followed by an Easter Breakfast at the church. All are welcome.

At 9 a.m. the Rev. Richard

Beal will speak on "Rolling the Stone Away." Jim Burke is the organist.

The meeting held last week in Bethel on Dementia and Alzheimer's was informative. A second meeting will be held next Wednesday.

On Saturday evening I attended a St. Patrick's Day supper at the Town and Country Mobile Home Park with Myrtle Cadenelli. Piano music was enjoyed during the potluck supper.

Please call if anyone has been out enjoying the warmer weather so that I can get the news out to others.

Muffin is no longer afraid of strangers and greets them at the door. That will be fine until someone lets her out. She has never been out and does not know how to take care of herself outside.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

For those of you who remember Adelaide Emery Gerrish, word

has been received of her death.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Florence Hastings.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt for a meeting on Monday, March 10, with seven members present. The officers were installed by Dept. President Helvi Cary. A.J. Cary was guide for the evening. The April Senior Citizen dinner was planned. It was voted to buy one gross of flags and five markers for memorials. Communications were notes with dues and donations and tickets from Dept. President Helvi Cary on her project. Eighteen calls were reported. Alice Hoyt received the mystery package. Next meeting will be on April 14 at Alice Hoyt's home.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5 p.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. is the Remembrance of ME service; Friday is youth group at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23, is Easter Sunday with 7 a.m. sunrise service at the church with

breakfast at social hall.

Historical Society
The Historical Society museum serves as a historical and cultural center for the area. It is also a representative New England museum. All the exhibits have come from the nearby area so nothing is foreign or unusual but rather has distinctly local character. On the other hand, everything has universal appeal so even people from big cities enjoy the collections.

At the next meeting of the Historical Society, Mary Billings will have the program. Curator Larry Billings framed a picture of the Snowwoman, Olympia, and will put it in the museum along with a map of Sunday River Skiway to represent winter.

Albany



by
Sheila Dyke

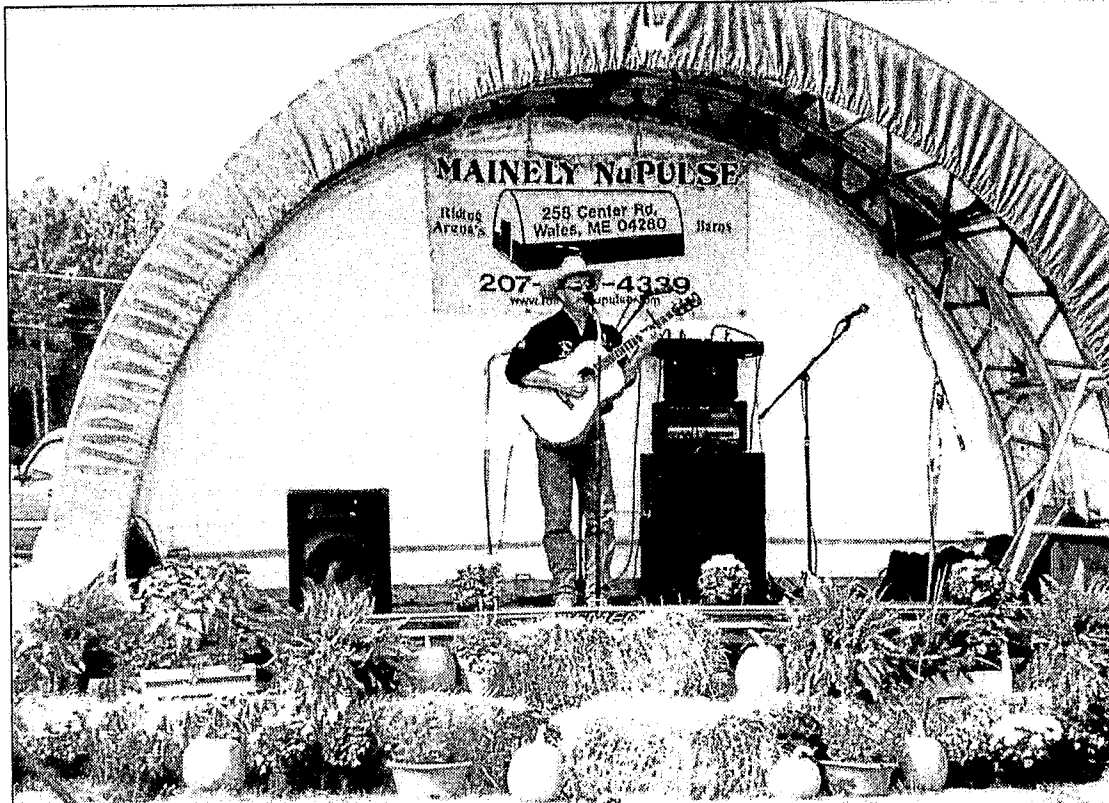
Greetings and hello from Albany Township. Today is the first

day of spring! Well, I still don't see any crocuses or tulips sprouting from the ground. With all of the snow we've received this year, I think it may be a while before it actually feels and looks like spring.

Tomorrow (Friday) is Good Friday, the day recognized as the day of Jesus' crucifixion on the cross. This Sunday is Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate his rising from the grave.

Dotty Duddy celebrated a birthday a couple of weekends ago. Happy (belated) Birthday, Dotty! She was able to celebrate with good friends and from what I hear, was actually able to have a "birthday week." Those are always great. Happy birthday to everyone out there celebrating their special days!

St. Patrick's Day was Monday. Here is an Irish blessing to see you through the week: May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, May the rain fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again,



ANDOVER TO BE ON TV—The Andover Grand Tour Show of the TV show "Best of America by Horseback" is scheduled to air March 20 (today) at 11:30 p.m., March 22 at 12:30 a.m. and March 27 at 1:30 p.m. on DirectTV channel 379 and Dish Network channel 231. On Sept. 7 and 8-2007, Andover & Memory Lane Vacations hosted the TV show as they filmed their Grand Tour Event for the state of Maine. Show host Tom Seay and the cast and crew travel all over America showcasing places to visit and trail ride. The show includes a ride to the Andover Elementary School to visit with the 41 students and staff. The children had a chance to visit with the horses and ask questions. That was followed by some touch football and games on the playground with the Best of America group. The show also highlighted professional horsemanship clinician Kerry Kuhn and his horsemanship demonstration, along with the local apple pie contest winners, the Art Show at the Town Hall, and the Historical Society. There were 86 horses and riders on the trail for the filmed-for-TV-trail-ride. Chief Ken Dixon and the Andover Fire Department served a banquet for the riders. Sunday morning there was Cowboy Church, which everyone attended on horseback. Here, Delbert Shields sings during the tour. "The Best of America by Horseback" has an audience of seven million weekly and airs on RFD TV. They plan a return trip to Andover Oct. 11 and 12. (Submitted photo)

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Waterford



by
Rockie Graham

March is nearing an end and still we have snowstorms scheduled

every Wednesday and Saturday. Never mind that spring officially starts on Thursday, the 20th. Our road is barely a road. Two cars can't pass and one car can barely drive on it. Maple and Fir Acres are even worse. Will this snow/ice ever end?

The tool bars on my e-mail changed and it is hard to control them; now I fixed it a little, but still have trouble getting where I'm going. Change

is supposed to be good.

Thursday and Friday are 2008 American Cancer Society Daffodil days. They are selling them at the Bethel Foodliner — \$10/bouquet. FMI: 824-3226.

Saturday, the 22nd, there is a pancake and maple syrup breakfast at 8 a.m. on Holy Saturday at the North Waterford Church vestry. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Proceeds go to the steeple fund.

Saturday is also Purim. Happy Purim to all!

Sunday, March 23, is Easter Sunday and there will be a Sunrise Service at Keoka Lake town beach in North Waterford starting at 6:30 a.m. This will be followed by a breakfast in the vestry of the North Waterford Church.

We got our seeds, yesterday, but due to high snow vol-

ume there is nowhere to plant them. The greenhouse is under water; the entry room is out of room because the plants have to lean back to get sun and can't be on the window-sill. What can we do but wait for some melting! I am anxious to see new growth. I can't even see the garden site, at all.

A happy 10th birthday goes out to grandson David Hart III. May you have a great day David.

Have a great week, all. Watch out for those frost heaves and deep ruts. We were almost swallowed whole the other day.

Sympathy and condolences go out to the family and friends of David Marston. David, a Waterford selectman until March 1 Town Meeting, passed away last week at his home on McIntyre Road. He will be missed.

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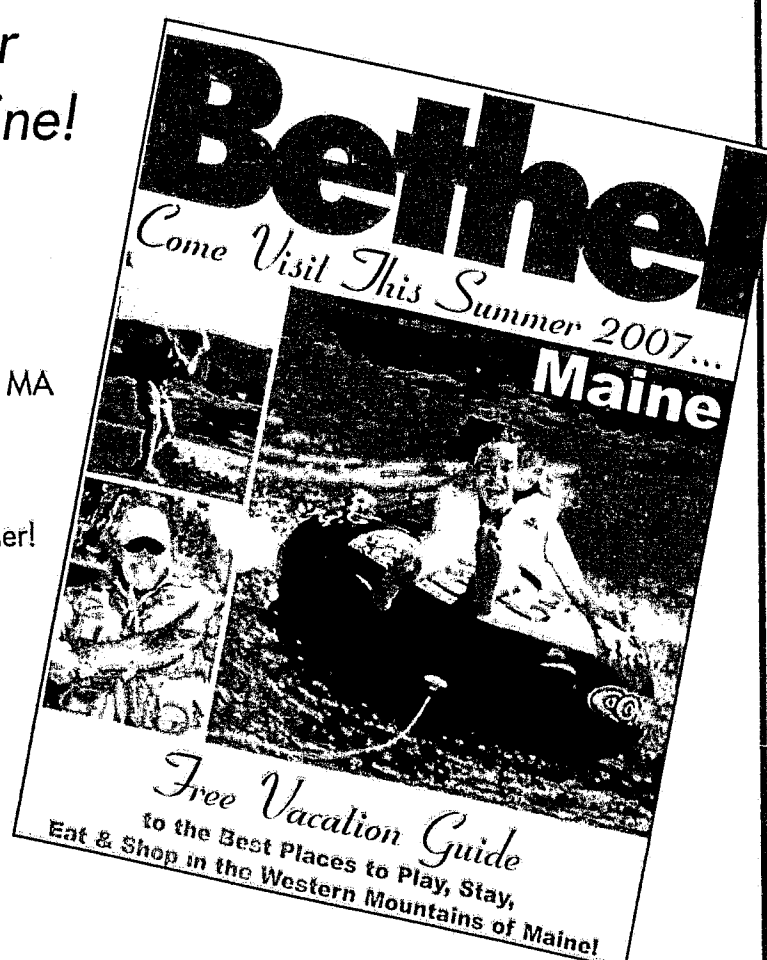
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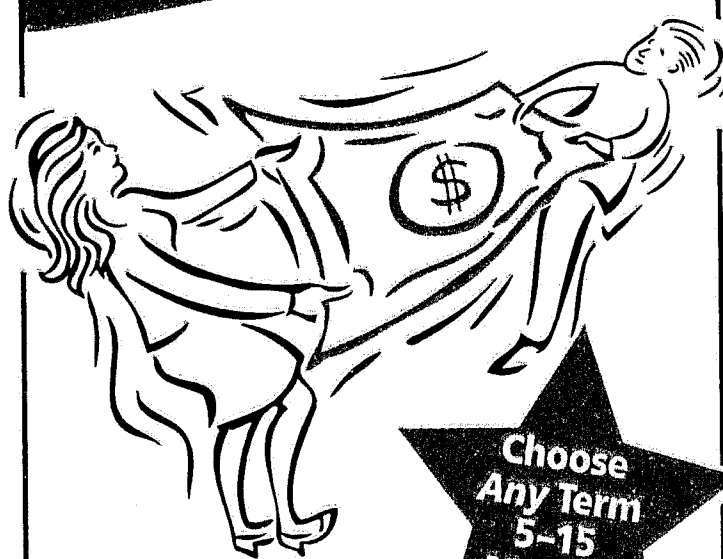
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Events Calendar

Saturday, March 29th. 9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mini Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. — The Yet To Be Named Banjo Club practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists are invited to join. The public is welcome to come in and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

7 p.m. (second Tuesday each month) — Open mike original poetry reading at Mouse and Bean, 63 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: 824-2366. Come read or just have coffee and take in the scene.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. — Veterans' Advocate will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. — People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Sundays 7 p.m. — Adult Indoor Soccer at Telstar Gymnasium. \$10 for winter/spring.

Wednesday nights — TOPS, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. — Moving Freely Exercise class at Andover Town Hall. FMI: call Pam Pace at 357-0308.

Month of March — Images of real life interpreted through the eyes of contemporary oil painter Emmy Andersson will be on exhibit in the Community Gallery at Café Nonat in Norway.

Thursday, March 20

3 p.m. — Meeting of the Mountain Explorer bus service stakeholders and all other interested parties in the South Dining Room of the Bethel Inn. Purpose of meeting: re-forming an active Bethel Area Transit Committee, current season's successes and shortcomings, need to evolve the system, budget and funding, new routes and schedules, new buses. FMI: call Craig Zurhorst at 333-6972 or e-mail czurhorst@westernmainetrans.org.

5 to 8:30 p.m. — Parent-Teacher Conferences at Telstar. Interested parents/guardians asked to call 824-2136 and press 1 to schedule an appointment.

6 p.m. — Community Potluck Supper at Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford.

6 p.m. — Maundy Thursday Supper at North Waterford Church vestry, followed by Seder meal service and Holy Communion.

7 p.m. — SWOAM meeting at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in Room 118, located just off the cafeteria. The meeting is free and open to the public. For further information, contact chapter President Merle Ring at 674-3787.

Thursday and Friday, March 20 and 21 — 2008 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days in Bethel. Volunteers will sell bouquets of daffodils (\$10 each) at the Bethel Foodliner on Main Street. FMI: call 824-3226.

Thursday-Saturday, March 20-22 — Maine Handicapped Skiing will host its first level II NorAm Race at Sunday River. Elite disabled athletes will be participating in the event. FMI: 824-2440 or visit www.skimhs.org or e-mail info@skimhs.org.

Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22 — 7:30 p.m. — Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield, present The Odd-Shorts Film Festival with Matt Tardy and Mike Miclon in an evening of hilarious short films, viral videos and unexpected interviews with local film-makers. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for children 12 and under. FMI: call the box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/

Saturday, March 22

8 a.m. — Pancake and Maple Syrup Breakfast

on Holy Saturday at North Waterford Church vestry. Admission: \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Proceeds will go for Steeple Fund for the church.

9 a.m. (opens) — Battlejib Galatic Bonk at Mt. Abram Family Resort in Greenwood. FMI: call Mt. Abram (875-5000) or visit www.mtabram.com.

10 a.m. — Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Mystery 4-H Club and town of Newry at Newry Grange Hall, Bear River Road. For directions: call 824-0460. Eggs, candy and prizes. Bring a friend and join the celebration.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Norway Easter Fest — fun activities for children and parents along Main Street, beginning at Norway Memorial Library and ending at MAC. At 1 p.m. drawing for two Huffy bicycles, two Jack Knife scooters, two Tough Trikes, and \$50 gift certificate from New Balance.

Family Concert with Mary Ukelady at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12 to 12:30 p.m. Free. Songs for all ages. FMI: call 743-5309 or visit www.norway.lib.me.us.

4 and 7 p.m. (two shows) — Russian American Kids Circus, an ensemble of gifted, young entertainers, will perform at Sunday River's Grand Summit Hotel and Conference Center. For ticket information call 824-3575. During the weekend there will be egg hunts, egg painting and a visit by the Easter Bunny. FMI: visit www.sundayriver.com/easterweekend.

Sunday, March 23

7 a.m. — Easter Mountaintop Sunrise Service at top of Barker Mountain, Sunday River Ski Resort. No skis needed. Collection for Food Pantry. FMI: call 824-3000 or 824-5896.

6:30 a.m. — Easter Sunday Sunrise at Keoka Lake town beach in Waterford, followed by breakfast at North Waterford Church vestry. Worship service at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, March 26

3 to 6:30 p.m. — Parent-Teacher Conferences at Telstar. Interested parents/guardians asked to call 824-2136 and press 1 to schedule an appointment.

Thursday, March 27

SAD44 White Cap Evening Skiing at Sunday River Ski Resort.

March 27-30

"Swing," featuring music from Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller performed by Oxford Hills School District Music Department at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Tickets available March 1 at Books 'n Things, Norway. Mail-in ticket requests and seating chart available at all Norway, South Paris, Oxford and Windham branches of Norway Savings Bank or at www.sad17.k12.me.us/instruction/music/swing/ Send to Books 'n Things with self-addressed stamped envelope and payment, and tickets will be sent to you.

Friday, March 28

10:30 a.m. — Oxford County Education Association-Retired meeting at Buckfield Community Church. Speaker: Dr. Harry Harper, retired physician and author. Fundraiser: book sale. All retired teachers and support personnel welcome.

March 28 and 29

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Alpha & Omega Thrift Shop Inside Yard Sale, "Where Junk Becomes Treasure," in the double-side unit located on the lower level of Norway/Paris Solid Waste Facility on 39 Brown Street, Norway. Friday free coffee and

donuts 10 a.m. to noon and Saturday, free hot dogs and soda 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds benefit His Place Teen Center, a 501 (C) 3 nonprofit ministry outreach reaching boys and girls ages 11 to 18 in the Oxford Hills and surrounding area. FMI: call Bert and Fran Rugg at 743-9503 or cell 515-3000. March 28, 29 and 30

2008 Maine Home and Garden Show at Costello Sports Complex, U of Southern Maine, Gorham. Friday 12 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: adults \$7, youth (7-12) \$2, under 7 free. FMI: visit www.mainehomeandgardenshow.com.

Saturday, March 29

8:30 to Noon — The Lewin Center, Broad Street, Bethel, will feature Dr. Lennox E. Joseph, advisor to the World Bank and former president and CEO of NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science. He will help attendees explore community-based responses to trauma, violence and loss, and the resilience of the human spirit in the face of mankind's inhumanity to itself. This program will include dinner and an introduction on Friday, March 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. FMI: call 256-6956 or e-mail nancy@lewincenr.org.

23rd annual Maine Handicapped Skiing Ski-a-Thon at Sunday River. FMI: www.skimhs.org.

1 p.m. — Gilead Historical Society meeting at the Town Hall. Support needed in order to continue to offer Friends and Family Day on June 21.

5 p.m. — Benefit Supper for Richard Tyler at American Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke Mills. By donation. Proceeds to help with medical and rehabilitation bills. FMI: 557-3785 or 357-5377.

Sunday, March 30

18th annual Firefighters' Race at Sunday River Ski Resort. Teams come from all over Maine to raise money for Maine Handicapped Skiing. FMI: www.sundayriver.com.

18th annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff at Sunday River Ski Resort. FMI: www.sundayriver.com.

1 to 4 p.m. — Retirement Party for Terry Perry, who is retiring from the Bethel Post Office on March 31. The party will be held at the Bethel Historical Society, Broad Street. Stop in at the Post Office if unable to attend the party.

2 p.m. — At St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H.: Lucie Therrien in Concert. Tickets: \$12 adults, 6 students available at door. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or visit stkieranarts.org.

Monday, March 31

5 to 7 p.m. — Art Show at Sudbury Inn, Bethel, by Artlandish sisters: "Boob Booty for Breast Cancer."

Monday and Tuesday, March 31-April 1 — 6 to 8 p.m. — Auditions for "Seussical" at Bridgton Memorial School, 15 Skillins Circle, Bridgton. Call backs April 2 at 6 p.m. Cast needed: ages 10 and older. FMI: 655-7317 or 693-6221 ext. 285.

Thursday, April 3

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting/dinner at Franklin Grange Hall. Dinner by Daughters of Union Veterans and program by Mary Ellen Therriault from Community Concepts. Friday-Sunday, April 4-6

21st annual Parrot Head/Bust N Burn Festival at Sunday River Ski Resort. FMI: www.sundayriver.com.

Wednesday, April 9

11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting/

American Life in Poetry

Selection and comments by Ted Kooser, U.S. Poet Laureate 2004-2006

The American poet Elizabeth Bishop often wrote of how places — both familiar and foreign — looked, how they seemed. Here Marianne Boruch of Indiana begins her poem in this way, too, in a space familiar to us all but made new — made strange — by close observation.

Hospital

It seems so—
I don't know. It seems
as if the end of the world
has never happened in here.
No smoke, no
dizzy flaring except
those candles you can light
in the chapel for a quarter.
They last maybe an hour
before burning out.

And in this room

where we wait, I see
them pass, the surgical folk—
nurses, doctors, the guy who hangs up
the blood drop—ready for lunch,
their scrubs still starched into wrinkles,
a cheerful green or pale blue,
and the end of a joke, something
about a man who thought he could be—
what? I lose it
in their brief laughter.

dinner (ham) at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills. The entertainment will be "The No Name Banjo Band."

Sunday, April 13

SAD44 Community Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort.

3:30 p.m. — Oxford County Democrats meeting at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church hall, Fryeburg. FMI: call Cathy Newell at 824-2116. Friday, April 18

9 to 11 a.m. — Maine Carbon Credit Program Informational Meeting at Rumford Town Hall, Rumford. Phase 1 is currently being implemented to develop a soils carbon baseline and increase landowner knowledge about carbon issues. Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (753-9400 X 3) or e-mail susan.gammon@me.nacdn.net or call Maine Carbon Credit Program Threshold To Maine RC&D Area (657-3131) or e-mail threshold@gwi.net or visit www.thresholdtomaine.org.

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held. Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELING

Alcohol and drug counseling. Saturdays at Bethel Counseling Center, 16 Parkway (Professional Building). Tom Kelly, LADC, 357-7354

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Darcy Lund at 739-2888.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corrieau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10a.m. followed by coffee fellowship. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30am; Morning worship 10:45am; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30pm. Rt. 3 S. Andover 392-1121

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger. Sundays: Sunday School for adults and children at 9am; Morning worship service at 10am; Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade) at 5:30pm; Prayer Fellowship Wednesdays at 7pm; Sundays: Youth Group (6th-12th grade) at 5:30pm. For more information call 824-2289

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-5289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-4050.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levasseur. 364-4536. United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3333 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am, all ages; Morning Worship 10am. Junior church and nursery available. Mens bible study Monday at 6pm; Ladies bible study Tuesday 2:30pm; prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana Youth Program Wednesdays: 3:30pm Cubbies (age 3-4); 3:30pm Sparks (K-2nd grade); 6:15pm Truth & Training (grade 3-6) FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Keazars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The Deadline is Monday at Noon

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9am-1pm; Tuesday, 1-5pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday & Friday 1-5pm; Saturday, 9-1pm. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5pm; Thursday 1:30-7pm.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5pm; Wednesday 1:30-7pm; Friday 1:30-5pm; Saturday 10am-2pm. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12.

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(41)	Sports	Celics Pre.	Sport Science		Best Damn Sports Show		Sports	Celics	Celics Now	Sports
(15)	Something	John Adams			Treatment	Treatment	Dave Attell	Real Sex		Real Sex
(17)	Montana	Suite Life	Movie: "Stuck in the Suburbs"			So Raven	So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life	Montana
(18)	Die Hard 2		Movie: "The Departed"				Movie: "Fracture"			
(20)	NHL Hockey: Montreal Canadiens at Boston Bruins				Bruins		SportsDesk		Biscuit	The Globe
(44)	Still Snd	Still Snd	Reba	Reba	Movie: "How to Deal"			Will-Grace		Will-Grace
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Movie: "Tommy Boy"			Sex & City		
(24)	Movie: "Shredderman Rules"				Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
(25)	"The Karate Kid" Cont'd		Movie: "Raising Helen"				Movie: "The In-Laws"			
(26)	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI	
(27)	CSI: Miami		The First 48		The First 48		Crime 360		The First 48	
(12)	Funniest Home Videos		Movie: "MXP: Most Xtreme Primate"			WGN News at Nine		Scrubs		
(39)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360			

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 21, 2008											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Phil		News	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers	South Park	
(32)	Movie: "The Sound of Music"								The 700 Club		
(6)	207	Paid Prog.	AmneSia		Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy		20/20		20/20		News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	Maine	Bill Moyers Journal		NOW	Expose	Charlie Rose		
(22)	SportsCtr.	Figure Skating: ISU World Championships -- Ladies Short and Free Dance Programs				SportsCenter					
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		When Stunts Go Bad		Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Con.		
(13)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA				College Basketball: NCAA Tournament		First Round -- Teams TBA				
(41)	Sports	In Focus	Sport Science		Best Damn 50		Sports	Sports	Tennis: Pacific Life Open		
(15)	John Adams				Treatment	Treatment	Entourage	Entourage	Real Time		
(17)	Montana	Suite Life	Movie: "Ella Enchanted"				So Raven		Life Derek	Suite Life	Montana
(18)	Movie: "Gladiator" Cont'd		Movie: "Hot Fuzz"				Movie: "300"				
(20)	Hockey	Hockey	College Hockey: Hockey East Semifinal -- Teams TBA				SportsDesk		The Buzz	SportsDesk	
(44)	Still Snd	Still Snd	Reba	Reba	Your Mama Don't Dance		Movie: "Gracie's Choice"				
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Movie: "Monster-in-Law"				Sex & City		
(24)	Movie: "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie"				El Tigre	Tak	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	
(25)	"Blazing Saddles" Cont'd				Movie: "Dr. Dolittle"		Movie: "Doctor Dolittle"				
(26)	Monk	Law Order: CI			Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		House		
(27)	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami			CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		The Sopranos		
(12)	Funniest Home Videos		Movie: "Race to Space"			WGN News at Nine			Scrubs	Scrubs	
(39)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center			Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 22, 2008										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Austin Powers"				Frasier	McCarver	Sports Fan	Frasier
(32)	Movie: "The Sound of Music"								Movie: "Big"	
(6)	Maine	207	The Celebrity Apprentice		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order		News	Sat. Night
(8)	Movie: "The Ten Commandments"									
(10)	Fields	Wait God	Neighbors	My Family	Movie: "The Last Time I Saw Paris"				Red Green	MontyPyth
(22)	SportsCenter			College Wrestling: NCAA Championships -- Medal Round					SportsCenter	
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA IMPACT!	
(13)	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. 2nd Rd.				College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. 2nd Rd.				News	NE Journal
(41)	Celtics Now	Celtics Pre.	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at New Orleans Hornets				Celtics	Tennis: Pacific Life Open		
(15)	Movie: "The Break-Up" Cont'd			Movie: "Blades of Glory"			Boxing: Joel Casamayor vs. Michael Katsidis			
(17)	Montana	Suite Life	Cory	Phineas	Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl			Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana
(18)	Movie: "Superman Returns"						Movie: "Alpha Dog"			
(20)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Montreal Canadiens					Bruins	SportsDesk	College Hockey: Hockey East Final		
(44)	Movie: "While the Children Sleep"				Movie: "Her Only Child"				Your Mama Don't Dance	
(5)	King	King	Funniest Commercial's		Movie: "Van Helsing"				Jurassic 3	
(24)	Drake	Drake	iCarly	Zoey 101	Drake	Zoey 101	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
(25)	"Dr. Dolittle" Cont'd		Movie: "Forrest Gump"							
(26)	Movie: "Bringing Down the House"				Movie: "The Pacifier"				Law & Order: SVU	
(27)	Die Hard-Veng.		Movie: "The Matrix"				Flip This House			
(12)	Funniest		Funniest		Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls		WGN News		
(39)	Lou Dobbs This Week		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations	

SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 23, 2008										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		70s Show		70s Show	Red Sox	Celtics TV	Without a Trace
(32)	Movie: "The Sound of Music"									
(6)	Dateline NBC				Law & Order		Law & Order: SVU		News	Sports
(8)	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme-Home		Oprah's Big Give		Newlyweds		News	Cold Case
(10)	All Creatures		Nature		Masterpiece				Charlie Rose	
(22)	SportsCenter		NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Washington Wizards					SportsCenter		
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	
(13)	60 Minutes		Big Brother: 'Til Death		Cold Case		Dexter		News	American
(41)	Best Damn 50		PRIDE Fighting		Eye on the Dream		Final Score		Final Score	
(15)	Treatment	Treatment	Treatment	Treatment	John Adams		Movie: "The Good Shepherd"			
(17)	Montana	Suite Life	Montana	Wizards	Movie: "Monsters, Inc."				Suite Life	Montana
(18)	"Smokin' Aces" Cont'd		Movie: "Alpha Dog"				Movie: "X-Men: The Last Stand"			
(20)	Hockey	The Buzz	Outdoors	Outdoors	Impossible to Forget		SportsDesk		Biscuit	SportsDesk
(44)	Movie: "Due East" Cont'd		Movie: "All the Good Ones Are Married"				Amy Wives		Your Mama Don't Dance	
(5)	Lara Croft: Tomb Raider		Movie: "Sahara"				Movie: "Sahara"			
(24)	Carly	H2O	Zoey 101	Zoey 101	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez
(25)	Forrest		Movie: "Geronimo: An American Legend"				Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad	
(26)	Movie: "The Pacifier" Cont'd			Movie: "Eight Below"				Law & Order: SVU		
(27)	Crime 360		The First 48		The First 48		The Sopranos		The First 48	
(29)	Funnist	Funnist	American Idol Rewind		Funnist Home Videos		WGN News		Replay	Scrubs
(32)	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations	
(39)	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations	

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From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Dr. David Murphy, chair of the Bethel Historical Society's Education Committee, announced this week that the society will again offer a history internship to a qualified Bethel area high school student between the ages of 14 and 18 years of age. Applicants should possess a strong interest in learning about local and regional history, and be highly motivated, honest and reliable.

The society's Education Committee will review all applications and make a nomination to the executive director for appointment. Applications should be received at the society office by May 16, 2008. A decision by the Education Committee will be made by June 13, 2008 and will be officially announced by the executive director.

The internship will begin on July 1 and extend to the last week in August. A stipend of \$1,000, paid in two installments, will be paid to the

successful applicant, who may be involved in museum tours, special events, collection management, oral history, and exhibit preparation.

Applications are available by visiting the main office at 10 Broad Street, by calling 824-2908 or by downloading at the society's website.

The student internship is among several offerings of the Bethel Historical Society in educational activities, which include history courses, lectures, conferences, university internships, school programs, exhibits and special events.

From The Lewin Center

The Lewin Forum is an innovative new program series, announces Lewin Center Program Director Nancy Davis, and it will begin at the end of this month. Featuring the expertise of Lewin Center board members, the series will afford a low-cost opportunity for participants from Northern New England to expand their learning in a variety of topics related to the Lewin Center mission of social justice and change.

Each program will be

uniquely formatted to allow for experiential learning and the sharing of conversation and a delicious meal with the presenter(s) and other members of this learning community.

The first in the series will feature Dr. Lennox E. Joseph, advisor to the World Bank and former president and CEO of NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science. Having served in many countries around the globe, Dr. Joseph will help us explore community-based responses to trauma, violence and loss, and the resilience of the human spirit in the face of mankind's inhumanity to itself.

This program will include dinner and an introduction on Friday, March 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. and will continue on Saturday, March 29 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Future sessions will be on April 18-19 and May 16-17, and all will be held at the Gehring House, 77 Broad Street in Bethel. Season tickets cost \$125; for individual sessions, \$50 is suggested, but any donation is welcome; you may wish to consider sponsoring a slot for another to attend.

For more information or to register, call Nancy

Davis at 256-6956 or e-mail nancy@lewincenter.org.

From Sunday River Christian Ministry

The Sunday River Christian Ministry is encouraging all the people joining us for our annual Easter Mountaintop Sunrise Service to bring an item for the Bethel Food Pantry restocking. One can make a difference with a bit of planning and giving.

How to find the Easter Mountaintop Sunrise Service: wave to the World's Tallest Snowwoman "Olympia" in Bethel, then follow signs on Route 2/26 to Sunday River Ski Area; follow resort signs and take 3rd left toward Barker Mountain area; park near Barker Mountain ski lodge, then proceed slopeside. The lodge will be open with public restrooms before the service, but the cafeteria will be closed until 8. Lift #1 is located within easy walking distance after you pass the lodge.

A container for donated items will be at the base of Lift #1; the preferred and

useable items include: Food Items: cans of tuna, canned hams, canned chicken; One-Box Meals: macaroni/cheese, tuna helper, etc.; canned fruit, plastic bottles of fruit juices, pasta, pasta sauce, Household New Items: dish and laundry detergent, toilet tissue, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath soap, deodorant, diapers of all sizes, shampoo, or a financial donation.

Ski resort lift attendants will assist skiers/nonskiers on/off the free chairlift to the mountaintop. Each person will receive a Single Ride Ticket for up/down ride. The chairlift ride is safe, but dress warmly as it will stop often for each group to get on, providing a magical time for Easter photos!

An identified Sunday River Christian Ministry Board of Directors member will assist

you with a Welcome brochure of music/lyrics, Athletes' Bibles and also The Peace Book (both free) will be available in the area near our peace flags.

You'll be standing for about an hour on the snow, so dress accordingly with boots, mittens, hats, etc. or ski/board gear. The service starts when the last participant leaves the lift and Lift #1 is turned off. Non-skiers will download onto the lift for the return ride to Barker Mountain Lodge while skiers/riders may take one run down an intermediate slope. Trail Guides will be available at the top.

What if: cloudy, snowy, windy weather? We'll have the mountaintop service! Pouring rain? We'll move inside to Barker Mountain Lodge.

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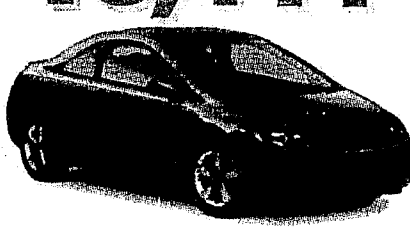
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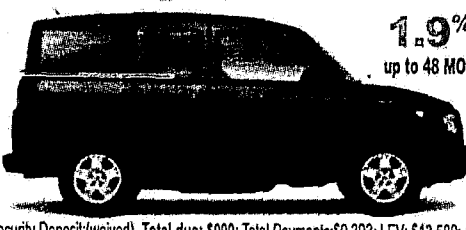
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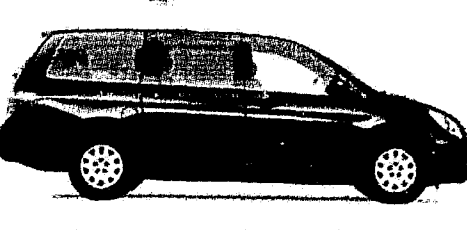
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Town of Bethel Request for Proposal Forest Management Plan

The Town of Bethel is requesting proposals to produce a Forest Management Plan for a parcel of Town owned land on the north side of R. 2 & 26. This parcel of land is Bethel Tax Map 22 Lot 12 and Newry Tax Map R-22 Lot 26 and consists of 125 +/- acres. The Town wishes to have the property enrolled in the American Tree Farm Program. The forest management plan must meet the standards of the American Tree Farm System. The Town is looking to manage this woodlot for its long-term value as open space, recreation and as a source of periodic income for the Town

Proposals should be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Forest Management" and can be mailed or hand delivered to the Town of Bethel, PO Box 1660, Bethel, Me 04217.

Include a resume and three references with the proposal.

Proposals are being accepted until Monday March 31,

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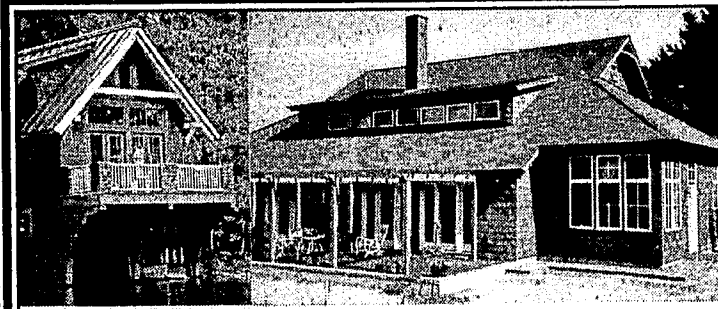


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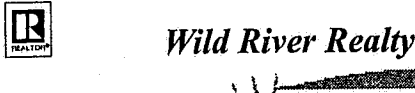
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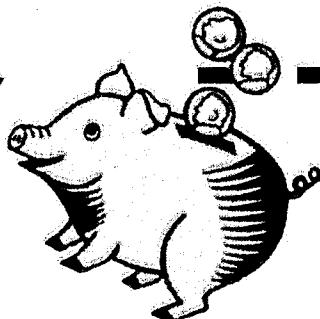
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Obituaries

STELLA P. LOVEJOY
Stella P. Lovejoy passed away quietly with her loving husband of 61 years by her side on March 13, 2008.

Mrs. Lovejoy was born on Sept. 13, 1915 in the Junction area of North West Detroit, Mich., the daughter of Lucas and Stella Yaszek. She attended schools in the Detroit area and later in Dearborn after the family moved to their new home on Mead Avenue. She graduated from the Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

One of Stella's first jobs was baby-sitting for Dearborn Mayor Hubbard's children who lived close by. Later she worked for a number of years as an inspector at the Industrial Wire Plant in Wayne, Mich., where their activities included many critical parts for the planes, tanks and trucks that were needed for WWII.

On April 27, 1946, Stella married Alfred Lovejoy of Bethel, Maine and they bought a home in the Cherry Hill, Dearborn area. Stella and Al both enjoyed fishing and camping and after Ford Motor offered Al early retirement in 1974 they bought a travel trailer and headed for Traverse City to build their retirement home on Old Mission Peninsula. Many trips and thousands of miles later they parked the trailer in a trailer park in Matlacha Village on Pine Island, Fla., and spent their winters there and summers in Michigan.

Stella loved her sewing and made many beautiful quilts and spreads during her retirement. She raised many

beautiful flowers at her home on the peninsula and her time was always actively spent to beautify and improve her surroundings.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred; her brother-in-law, Cleveland Lovejoy and his wife Cathryn; her nieces, Dorothy West and her husband Ray, Ellen Whitney and her husband Rick, Sandra Cairo and her husband Jerry, Donna Reuschell and her husband Phillip; nephews, Alanson Lovejoy and his wife Tyrene, William Bowman and his wife Michelle, John Clarke and his wife Linda, George Clarke and his wife Cathy as well as many grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by their infant daughter, Patricia; parents, Lucas and Stella Yaszek; her sisters, Laura Clarke, Helen Bowman and Jessie Betham; and her brothers, Joseph and Frank Yaszek.

Visiting hours were held at the Greenleaf Funeral Home, Bethel on Wednesday evening March 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a prayer service held at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Livonia, Mich.

JULES J. HABERMAN
Dr. Jules J. Haberman of Bethel, a medical licensing and marketing consultant, died March 12, 2008. He was 86.

A veterinarian by training, Dr. Haberman specialized in helping scientists and inventors develop, license and market medical devices, veterinary products and drug delivery systems.

From 1956 to 1971 he was a copywriter and account executive with several New York advertising agencies. From

1972 to 1983 he was director of Life Sciences for University Patents, Inc.(CTT), working to license and market medical inventions for universities, including Arizona, Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Case Western Reserve, New Mexico, Chicago and Pennsylvania.

In Weston, Conn., where he and his family lived for 35 years, Dr. Haberman in 1982 founded H & H Consultants, Inc. with his wife, the former Mary Holcomb. Jules and Mary moved to Sierra Vista, Ariz., in 1989 where he continued his consulting work. In 2004 they relocated to Bethel, Maine.

Theater was Jules' lifelong passion. Co-founding the Westport Community Theatre in 1956, he chaired its board for two years and directed many productions. Throughout his life he relished opportunities to mentor young people in both theater and business.

Jules grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., receiving his BS and DVM degrees from Cornell University in 1945 and 1946. He spent two years as a game pathologist for the New York State Department of Conservation before moving to Los Angeles, Calif. There he worked for the US Department of Agriculture, wrote and collaborated on musicals and radio scripts by night and authored two veterinary and agricultural books for Prentice-Hall. He subsequently served three years as a captain in the US

Army Veterinary Corps.

Dr. Haberman is survived by his wife, Mary; four children, Nancy Jo Cravalho (Edward), Elizabeth Meadows (Edward), Jonathan Haberman (Anne), and Margaret Haberman (Landon Fake); six beloved grandchildren; and his brother, Philip.

In his memory donations may be made to the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University, 130 East Seneca Street, Suite 400, Ithaca, NY 14850.

ALVA TITUS SR.
Alva Titus Sr., 89, of Norway, died Friday, March 14, 2008 at his residence.

He was born in Bryant Pond on Nov. 22, 1918, the son of Leroy and Eva Titus. John was a graduate of Paris High School. He married Muriel Peterson on Oct. 28, 1945, and she passed away in 2002.

John proudly served our country during World War II in the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant in the 29th Airborne Troop Carrier Squadron. John worked at Titus Motor Co. of South Paris, Gates Rubber Co. of Denver, Colo., and Andy's Auto Supply of South Paris in his working years. He was a member of S.C.O.R.E., Paris Historical Society, Masonic Paris Lodge A.F. and A.M., American Legion and The V.F.W., and First Congregational Church of South Paris.

John, in recent years, would

get together every Monday with his cousins and eat out at various local restaurants.

He is survived by his sons, John Jr. of Augusta, Andrew of Auburn and William of Silver Springs, Fla.; a sister, Gertrude Carroll of Chattanooga, Tenn.; a brother, Roy Titus of Norway; and many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Muriel; a brother, Elwood Titus; and a sister, Muriel Stewart.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, at 10 a.m. in the First Congregational Church in South Paris with the Rev. Donald Mayberry officiating. A Masonic Service will be performed by Paris Lodge. Interment with military honors will be held in the spring at Riverside Annex Cemetery in South Paris. Donations in John's memory can be made to the Operation Home Front of Maine, P.O. Box 1447, Windham, ME 04062. (888) 810-0221, www.operationhomefront.net. Online condolences can be given to the family at www.westonchandler.com.

LINWOOD A. HANSON
The Rev. Linwood A. Hanson, 80, of Bryant Pond went home Sunday, March 16, to be with his Lord and Savior with whom he had a lifelong relationship.

He was born in Bradford, Dec. 27, 1927, a son of Arthur and Doris Jones Hanson. He graduated from Bradford High School. In 1956, he graduated from the New Brunswick Bible Institute in Victoria, New Brunswick. He was a pastor for 42 years, seven years at the First Baptist Church of West Gardiner and 35 years at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church. He was a gentle, Godly man who loved the ministry.

He produced the "Bryant Pond Hour" on the local cable network. He enjoyed photography, videos and cameras. He also enjoyed carpentry and

designing buildings.

On Sept. 22, 1950, he married Virginia Rozelle.

Survivors include his wife of Bryant Pond; a daughter, Ellen Hanson of Bryant Pond; a sister, Jane Rozelle and her husband Lloyd of Guilford; an aunt, Noreen Jones of Corinth; a sister-in-law, Barbara Rozelle of Bryant Pond; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, John in 1974.

Family and friends may attend memorial services Thursday at 1 p.m. at the West Paris Baptist Church and another memorial service on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Bradford Baptist Church. Spring interment will be in Williams Cemetery, Bradford. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make memorial gifts in his memory to the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Western Maine, P.O. Box 159, East Livermore, ME 04228, or the New Brunswick Bible Institute, c/o E. Hodgdon Bible Church, P.O. Box 828, Houlton, ME 04730. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

Births

Jessica L. Pike and Howard J. Parsons of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Evan John Parsons, born on Feb. 5, 2008 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are the late John Staphanik of Ohio.

Paternal grandparents are Betty Parsons and Howard Parsons, Sr., of Waltham, Mass., and Carol Marchand, aka Nan, of Buxton.

Evan John joins sisters, Emileigh, age 11, and Chastity, age 8, and brothers, Zachary, age 13, and Benjamin, age 8.

Priscilla and Trevor Gilbert of West Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Chloe Rain Gilbert, born on Jan. 27, 2008 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia and Leslie Thurston of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Jo Anne Gilbert of Gilead and Jean and Donald Gilbert of Colebrook, N.H.

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The family of Leah Deegan would like to thank those that have kept us in their thoughts with cards and prayers. We would like to thank Androscoggin Home Health and Hospice and the Ledgeview Nursing home staff of the North Wing for their compassionate care. Thank you to Reverend Rust, Greenleaf's Funeral Home, Locke Mills Union Church Choir, Jackson-Silver Post # 68 American Legion and especially the Ladies of the Legion Auxiliary.

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WOODSTOCK RESIDENTS

The Annual Woodstock Town Meeting will be held on Monday March 31, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Woodstock Elementary School.

Just a reminder that Dog Licenses are now overdue. There will be an additional fee of \$15.00 per dog after January 31, 2008, and for dogs still not registered on or before April 1, 2008 there will be a charge of \$25.00.

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